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# LAB-LINK

NEW AND UPDATED  
TESTING INFORMATION

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# TEST UPDATE

## Ureaplasma Species, Molecular Detection, PCR, Varies

Communication Date	October 19, 2023																		
Effective Date	Immediately																		
Test Name	Ureaplasma PCR																		
Test Code	UPPCR																		
Description	<p>Respiratory fluid and body fluid specimens submitted for the Ureaplasma PCR test (UPPCR) are no longer accepted if sent in viral transport media (VTM). These fluids should be transported in a sterile container not containing media.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="2">NEW - Fluid Specimen Requirements</th></tr><tr><td><b>Specimen Type:</b></td><td>Body Fluid</td></tr><tr><td><b>Sources:</b></td><td>Pelvic, peritoneal, amniotic, prostatic secretions, semen, reproductive drainage or fluid, pleural/chest, chest tube, pericardial</td></tr><tr><td><b>Container/Tube:</b></td><td>Sterile container</td></tr><tr><td><b>Specimen Volume</b></td><td>1 to 2 mL</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td><b>Specimen Type:</b></td><td>Respiratory Fluid</td></tr><tr><td><b>Sources:</b></td><td>Sputum, tracheal secretions, bronchial washings, bronchoalveolar lavage, lung; or nasal washings <i>(Note: Nasal washings may only be submitted for infants &lt;3 months of age)</i></td></tr><tr><td><b>Container/Tube:</b></td><td>Sterile container</td></tr><tr><td><b>Specimen Volume</b></td><td>1 to 2 mL</td></tr></table>	NEW - Fluid Specimen Requirements		<b>Specimen Type:</b>	Body Fluid	<b>Sources:</b>	Pelvic, peritoneal, amniotic, prostatic secretions, semen, reproductive drainage or fluid, pleural/chest, chest tube, pericardial	<b>Container/Tube:</b>	Sterile container	<b>Specimen Volume</b>	1 to 2 mL	<b>Specimen Type:</b>	Respiratory Fluid	<b>Sources:</b>	Sputum, tracheal secretions, bronchial washings, bronchoalveolar lavage, lung; or nasal washings <i>(Note: Nasal washings may only be submitted for infants &lt;3 months of age)</i>	<b>Container/Tube:</b>	Sterile container	<b>Specimen Volume</b>	1 to 2 mL
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### Additional Information

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### Technical Support/Customer Care

Call 877-402-4221

# TEST UPDATE

## TPMT (Thiopurine S-Methyltransferase) & NUDT15 (Nudix hydrolase 15 gene)

TPNUD

Communication Date	November 1, 2023
Effective Date	November 13, 2023
Test Name	TPMT and NUDT15
Test Code	TPNUD
Description	As of Nov. 13, 2023, test code TPNUD reports TPMT (Thiopurine S-Methyltransferase) predicted phenotype and NUDT15 (Nudix hydrolase 15 gene) phenotype.

## von Willebrand Factor Collagen Binding

VWFCB

Communication Date	November 1, 2023
Effective Date	November 13, 2023
Test Name	von Willebrand Factor Collagen Binding
Test Code	VWFCB
Description	As of Nov. 13, 2023, test code VWFCB no longer reports VWF (von Willebrand Factor) Ratio.

## UroVysion FISH

UROVF

Communication Date	November 1, 2023
Effective Date	November 13, 2023
Test Name	UroVysion FISH
Test Code	UROVF
Description	As of Nov. 13, 2023, test code UroVysion FISH has changed to Bladder Cancer FISH. Specimen source, fixative type, clinical history, and specimen gross description will be required for testing.

## MPL (Myeloproliferative) Mutation Detection

MP515

Communication Date	November 1, 2023
Effective Date	November 13, 2023
Test Name	MPL (Myeloproliferative) Mutation Detection
Test Code	MP515
Description	As of Nov. 13, 2023, test code MP515 (Myeloproliferative Mutation Detection) requires a specimen source for testing. Acceptable specimen types are whole blood and bone marrow.

Cortisol, Saliva		SLCOR
Communication Date	November 1, 2023	
Effective Date	November 13, 2023	
Test Name	Cortisol, Saliva	
Test Code	SLCOR	
Description	As of Nov. 13, 2023, test code SLCOR (Cortisol, Saliva) reports total cortisol. Prior to this date SLCOR reported free cortisol.	

Cytomegalovirus by Qualitative PCR		CYTPC
Communication Date	November 1, 2023	
Effective Date	November 13, 2023	
Test Name	Cytomegalovirus by Qualitative PCR	
Test Code	CYTPC	
Description	As of Nov. 13, 2023, test code CYTPC (Cytomegalovirus by Qualitative PCR) no longer accepts whole blood, plasma, or serum specimens. <b>Test code CMVDP (Cytomegalovirus Viral Load, RT-PCR) is recommended as a replacement for plasma specimens.</b>	

EBV (Epstein-Barr Virus ) Qualitative PCR		EBQLP
Communication Date	November 1, 2023	
Effective Date	November 13, 2023	
Test Name	EBV (Epstein-Barr Virus ) Qualitative PCR	
Test Code	EBQLP	
Description	As of Nov. 13, 2023, test code EBQLP no longer accepts whole blood, plasma, or serum specimens. <b>Test code EBQNA (Epstein-Barr Virus by Quantitative NAAT, Plasma) is recommended as a replacement for plasma specimens.</b>	

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# TEST UPDATE

## Discontinuation of Isolator Tubes for Fungal/Mycobacterial Blood Culture

Communication Date	November 22, 2023
Effective Date	Immediately
Description	<p>The Wampole Isolator Tubes for blood culture collection when fungal or mycobacterial pathogens are suspected, has been discontinued by the manufacturer.</p> <p><b>Whole blood may now be collected in a green top sodium heparin tube if Blood Culture, Fungal (BIF) or Blood Culture, Mycobacteria (BIT) are ordered.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 mLs is recommended.</li><li>• Lower volume collections will be accepted but recovery may be impacted.</li><li>• A majority of fungal infections will be recovered from routine blood culture. Fungal blood cultures should be ordered when there is concern for an endemic mycosis or disseminated mold infection.</li><li>• Mycobacterial blood cultures should be ordered when there is a concern for disseminated mycobacterial infection, which is generally limited to severely immunocompromised patients or individuals with specific risk factors.</li></ul> <p><b>• ISOLATOR TUBES WILL STILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE SUPPLY IS DEPLETED.</b></p>

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# TEST UPDATE

Unavailable Test: HIV-1 DNA, PROVIRAL		HIVPV
Communication Date	November 22, 2023	
Effective Date	Immediately	
Test Name	HIV-1 DNA, PROVIRAL	
Test Code	HIVPV	
Description	<p>Due to a national reagent shortage, test code HIVPV (HIV-1 DNA, Proviral), is temporarily unavailable. No alternative testing is available at this time. We will provide further updates as the supply issue resolves and testing resumes.</p> <p>We strive to provide the best solutions for our customers during these challenging times and appreciate your patience and understanding.</p>	

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# TEST UPDATE

Test Code Change: TPMT Genotype		TPMTG
Communication Date	November 22, 2023	
Effective Date	November 28, 2023	
Test Name	TPMT Genotype	
Previous Test Code	TPMTG	
New Test Code	TPMGN	
Description	<p>The test code for TPMP Genotype (TPMTG), has changed to <b>TPMGN</b>.</p> <p><b>Specimen Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimum Volume 5 mL Whole Blood</li><li>• Container 2 Lavender Top EDTA Tubes</li></ul>	

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# TEST UPDATE

## New Urine Antigen Assay for Legionella and S. pneumoniae

Communication Date	December 10, 2023
Effective Date	December 12, 2023
Description	<p>On December 12, 2023, HNL Lab Medicine discontinued the standalone Legionella pneumophila and Streptococcus pneumoniae urine antigen tests.</p> <p>These tests were replaced with a combined test, providing easier ordering and improving sensitivity for detecting L. pneumophila and equivalent detection of S. pneumoniae.</p> <p>The new order code has defined normal ranges of “Negative” for easier identification of positive specimens.</p> <p>Specimen requirements for this test remain unchanged.</p>
Clinical Utility	Testing is recommended for patients with severe community-acquired pneumonia.

OLD ORDER CODES	NEW ORDER CODE
Streptococcus pneumoniae Urine Antigen (SPNUR)	Urine Antigen, Legionella pneumo/Streptococcus pneumo (LSPUA)
Legionella Urine Antigen (LEGUR)	

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# NEW TEST

## BCR-ABL1 p210 and p190, quantitative

**BAMJM**

Communication Date	November 27, 2023
Effective Date	November 28, 2023
Test Name	BCR-ABL1 p210 and p190, quantitative
Test Code	BAMJM
CPT Code	81206, 81207
Includes	<p>Quantification of BCR-ABL1 p210 (e13a2 or e14a2) and p190 (e1a2) transcripts to monitor therapeutic efficacy.</p> <p><b>Reportable Range:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BCR-ABL1 p210: 0.0030% - 55% (IS); MR 4.52 0.26</li><li>• BCR-ABL1 p190: 0.0060% - 25%</li></ul>
Alternate Name	BCR-ABL1 p210 and p190, Combo Assay
Methodology	Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)
Testing Schedule	Routine, Monday-Friday
Report Availability	1-4 days

### Specimen Requirements

Minimum Volume	4 mL EDTA peripheral Blood
Container	EDTA Lavender Top
Special Instructions	Transport 2-8C
Additional Information	<p>For BCR-ABL1 p210, the test measures BCR-ABL1 to ABL1 percent ratio on the International Scale (IS) in t(9;22) positive CML patients during monitoring of treatment with tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs).</p> <p>The results are also expressed as a log molecular reduction (MR value) from a baseline of 100% (IS) in t(9;22) positive CML patients.</p> <p>This assay quantifies BCR-ABL1 p190 (e1a2) transcripts to monitor therapeutic efficacy. It should not be the sole diagnostic test for CML of Ph+ ALL.</p>


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# GENERAL INFORMATION

Urinalysis Quality Improvement	
Communication Date	November 29, 2023
Effective Date	December 6, 2023
Description	<p>On December 6, 2023, HNL Lab Medicine implemented a policy adjustment concerning urinalysis on grossly bloody or mucoid urine specimens, as exemplified below.</p> <p>This decision stems from our commitment to delivering the highest standards of diagnostic accuracy. Unfortunately, specimens of this nature pose challenges in generating precise results due to the required specimen manipulation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Samples unacceptable for this reason will be designated with a code.</li><li>• These samples will still be acceptable for culture.</li></ul> 

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

The redesigned HNL Lab Medicine website is now live!



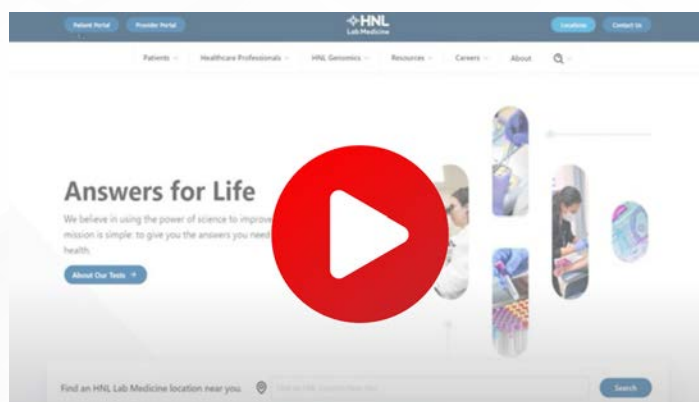
As part of our commitment to providing you with high-quality laboratory services and resources, we have revamped our online presence to make it more user-friendly, informative, and tailored to meet the needs of healthcare professionals like you.

## Key Features of Our New Website:

- Streamlined Navigation: Our website now offers a more intuitive and user-friendly interface, making it easier for you to access the information you need quickly.
- Optimized Service Pages: We've included new pages focused on our services to enhance your understanding of the services we offer.
- Enhanced PSC Locator: Our patient service center (PSC) locator page has undergone a makeover. Operating hours and vital information are now displayed in an organized manner, allowing patients to check in online or get directions to the nearest PSC – right to their smartphone.
- New Provider Resources: Access a wealth of materials, including forms, clinical documents, and the latest updates in laboratory medicine, all in one place.
- Unified HNL Genomics Site: A combined HNL.com and CTGT.net is now seamlessly integrated to include a genomics test menu, service offerings, and educational resources. Experience a unified platform for all your genomics-related needs.

We invite you to explore these enhancements at [HNL.com](https://hnl.com) and discover a more intuitive, efficient, and informative online experience.

We've also created a short video below for your convenience to help you navigate through the website.



Thank you for your continued partnership. We hope you like the changes we've made to enhance your website experience. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

# PATIENT SERVICE CENTER UPDATE

**NEW LOCATION:** Macungie – LVHN Health Center



HNL Lab Medicine is pleased to announce the addition of our latest Patient Service Center (PSC) in Macungie. Strategically located at 3371 Route 100, Macungie, PA 18062, this center is specifically designed with your comfort and convenience in mind.

The newly opened PSC is characterized by its contemporary facilities, upgraded design, and advanced medical equipment, reflecting our commitment to providing a seamless and superior healthcare environment for all patients.

In alignment with our existing [pediatric specialty laboratory services](#), the Macungie – LVHN Health Center is staffed by professionals who have undergone specialized training and certification programs. This ensures their ability to address the unique needs of pediatric patients while providing a safe, relaxing atmosphere to make lab work as comfortable as possible. The facility will also feature dedicated pediatric phlebotomy rooms, reinforcing our commitment to optimizing comfort for pediatric patients.

As part of our commitment to accessibility and convenience, appointments are not required at the Macungie – LVHN Health Center. Additionally, patients can streamline their lab work with our hassle-free online check-in and payment options, mirroring the quality and convenience provided across other HNL Lab Medicine PSCs.

This development marks a significant step in our ongoing dedication to delivering exceptional healthcare experiences. HNL Lab Medicine remains steadfast in our mission to combine cutting-edge care with patient-centric services.

## NOW OPEN

**Macungie – LVHN Health Center**

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