

February 16, 2024

Dear Valued Client,

HNL Lab Medicine strives to offer the most up to date testing while remaining steadfast in our dedication to compliance. Recent internal auditing of drug screen testing has shown ordering patterns that are not consistent with Local Coverage Determinations (LCD).

[LCD - Controlled Substance Monitoring and Drugs of Abuse Testing \(L35006\) \(cms.gov\)](#)

HNL Lab Medicine is making the following recommendations regarding our Clinical and Pain Management Drug Test offerings to ensure compliance:

- **Medical Necessity** – A patient’s medical record must include reason for order, frequency of testing, and results discussion.
- **Blanket Orders** – Identical orders for all patients without individualized decision making at every visit is a non-covered service and discouraged.
- **Direct Definitive Testing** – may NOT be medically necessary for analytes such as Fentanyl, and Buprenorphine. Avoid ordering definitive testing when presumptive is available and appropriate.

**Tip!** *Test Code, UDSE – Includes presumptive testing for 15 analytes including Fentanyl, Buprenorphine, and Heroin metabolite which may omit the need for additional definitive testing. All analytes in UDSE are available as a single order.*

## Important Pain Management Test Menu Updates: EFFECTIVE MARCH 12, 2024

- **Pain Management Supplemental Profile (test code: PMPE) will be INACTIVATED**
  - Includes direct definitive testing for Fentanyl, Tramadol, Tapentadol, Meperidine, and Carisoprodol
  - Pain Management statistics have shown the positivity rates for Carisoprodol and Meperidine have been 1.7% and 0% respectively for the last year
  - All analytes available as a single order after March 12. Please order necessary tests individually
- **Pain Management Basic Profile, Urine (test code: PMBP) will INCLUDE presumptive screening for Fentanyl testing of positive and unexpected negative screening results**
  - This adjustment is crucial for compliance reasons and coincides with the inactivation of the PMPE battery
  - See the attached Special Advisory Lab-Link for additional information

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact [compliance@hnl.com](mailto:compliance@hnl.com).

Sincerely,

HNL Lab Medicine

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## Important Update: Pain Management Testing Profiles

Pain Management Supplemental Profile		PMPE										
Effective Date	<b>Tuesday, March, 12, 2024</b>											
Test Name	Pain Management Supplemental Profile											
Test Code	PMPE											
Description of Change	<p><b>The Pain Management Supplemental Profile (test code: PMPE) will be inactivated</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes direct definitive testing for Fentanyl, Tramadol, Tapentadol, Meperidine, and Carisoprodol</li> <li>Pain Management statistics have shown the positivity rates for Carisoprodol and Meperidine have been 1.7% and 0% respectively for the last year</li> <li>All analytes available as a single order after March 12. Please order necessary tests individually</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Test Code</th> <th>Test Name</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PPCAR</td> <td>Pain Management Carisoprodol/Meprobamate, Quantitative, Urine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PPMEP</td> <td>Pain Management Meperidine/Normeperidine, Quantitative, Urine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PPTAP</td> <td>Pain Management Tapentadol, Quantitative, Urine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PPTRA</td> <td>Pain Management Tramadol, Quantitative, Urine</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Test Code	Test Name	PPCAR	Pain Management Carisoprodol/Meprobamate, Quantitative, Urine	PPMEP	Pain Management Meperidine/Normeperidine, Quantitative, Urine	PPTAP	Pain Management Tapentadol, Quantitative, Urine	PPTRA	Pain Management Tramadol, Quantitative, Urine
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Pain Management Basic Profile, Urine		PMBP												
Effective Date	<b>Tuesday, March, 12, 2024</b>													
Test Name	Pain Management Basic Profile, Urine													
Test Code	PMBP													
Description of Change	<p><b>The Pain Management Basic Profile (test code: PMBP) will now include presumptive screening for Fentanyl.</b></p> <p><b>Presumptive screening for the following analytes with reflex of positive and unexpected negative results for the PMBP Profile include:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Amphetamines</td> <td>Buprenorphine</td> <td>Fentanyl</td> <td>Methadone</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barbiturates</td> <td>Cannabinoids</td> <td>Opiates</td> <td>Phencyclidine</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Benzodiazepines</td> <td>Cocaine metabolite</td> <td>Oxycodone</td> <td>Validity testing</td> </tr> </table>		Amphetamines	Buprenorphine	Fentanyl	Methadone	Barbiturates	Cannabinoids	Opiates	Phencyclidine	Benzodiazepines	Cocaine metabolite	Oxycodone	Validity testing
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Pain Management Opiate, Quantitative, Urine		PPOPI
Effective Date	<b>Tuesday, March, 12, 2024</b>	
Test Name	Pain Management Opiate, Quantitative, Urine	
Test Code	PPOPI	
Description of Change	<p><b>Oxycodone, Oxymorphone, and Noroxycodone will be removed and tested separately.</b> See NEW Test Order PPOXY</p> <p><b>Pain Management Opiate Screen will reflex to a Pain Management Opiate, Quantitative, Urine (PPOPI).</b></p> <p>This test will provide definitive testing (confirmation/quantitation) for the following analytes: Codeine • Morphine • 6MAM • Hydrocodone • Hydromorphone • Norhydrocodone</p>	

Pain Management Oxycodone, Quantitative, Urine		PPOXY
Effective Date	<b>Tuesday, March, 12, 2024</b>	
Test Name	Pain Management Oxycodone, Quantitative, Urine	
Test Code	PPOXY	
Description of Change	<p><b>New Test Order – Pain Management Oxycodone Screen will reflex to a Pain Management Oxycodone, Quantitative, Urine (PPOXY).</b></p> <p>This test will provide definitive testing (confirmation/quantitation) for the following analytes: Oxycodone • Oxymorphone • Noroxycodone</p>	

**Additional Information**

If you have additional questions regarding these tests, please contact Technical Support between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For general questions, Customer Care is available to assist at any time.

**Technical Support/Customer Care**

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