



Test Information Update

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Dear Valued Client,

Effective April, 14, 2011, DCL Medical Laboratories, a LabCorp company, will transfer all blood bank testing to LabCorp's primary regional testing facility located in Dublin, Ohio. The tests included are ABO Group, Rh Typing, Antibody Screen and Antibody Identification. Turn-around-time and specimen requirements will not change. Established HDN evaluations will continue to be sent to Indiana Blood Center for titer continuity through the remainder of the patient's pregnancy.

Weak Expression of D in Rh Typing

For patients identified with a weak D, LabCorp will report "Rh-positive" with the following comment:

Please Note: The term "Rh-positive, weak D" is used to indicate the Rh status of red cells which have a weak expression of the Rh(D) factor. This terminology has been recommended by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB). There have been reports that some of these patients belong to a classification of "partial D" and have the capability of producing anti-D. For this reason consideration should be given to managing "Rh-positive, weak D" prenatal patients as Rh-negative for the purpose of determining Rh immune globulin candidacy.

Consequently, some patients that DCL previously reported as Rh negative with a weak D may be reported as Rh positive by LabCorp. The current testing methodology performed at LabCorp employs the use of monoclonal anti-D which detects the D antigen on many patients who may have historically typed as Rh neg, Weak D unknown or Weak D positive.

TEST NAME	NEW DCL#	REPLACES	LABCORP#	SPECIMEN REQUIREMENT
ABO Grouping	990953	3039	006056	Lavender-top EDTA tube or pink-top EDTA tube
Rh Typing	990954	3042	006064	Lavender-top EDTA tube or pink-top EDTA tube
ABO Typing & Rh (D) Typing	990952	3040	006049	Lavender-top EDTA tube or pink-top EDTA tube
Antibody Screen	990955	3041	006015	Lavender-top EDTA tube or pink-top EDTA tube
ABO Typing, Rh (D) Typing & Antibody Screen	990956	New	005322	Lavender-top EDTA tube or pink-top EDTA tube
Antibody Identification	990957	AB ID	006213	Lavender-top EDTA tube or pink-top EDTA tube AND Red-top tube
Antigen typing, Red Blood Cell	990666		006262	Lavender-top EDTA tube or pink-top EDTA tube
Coomb's Direct	990298		006270	Lavender-top EDTA tube, pink-top EDTA tube or Yellow-top ACD tube