

# Laboratory Bulletin

Important News from DCL Medical Laboratories



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## **DCL to send cancer screening tests CA 19-9, CA 27.29 and CEA to LabCorp**

On Monday, January 31, DCL Medical Laboratories will begin sending the cancer screening tests Carbohydrate Antigen CA 19-9 [990729], Cancer Antigen CA 25.29 [990730] and Carcinoembryonic Antigen (CEA) [990731] to LabCorp.

For the initial 60 days, for the purposes of establishing a new baseline, DCL will continue to perform the tests in-house, as well as send them to LabCorp. The laboratory report will include both sets of results. We recommend that patients who are being followed by serial monitoring be tested during this time frame so that a new baseline can be established, because values obtained with different assay methodologies should not be used interchangeably in serial testing. It is recommended that only one assay method be used consistently to monitor a patient's course of therapy

Please note that DCL will continue to perform CA 125 [3002] in-house; a new baseline for this test will not be needed. Details regarding specimen collection and ordering for CA 19-9, CA 27.29 and CEA testing appear below. If you have any questions, please contact DCL Client Services at (317) 874-1334 or toll free at (866) 874-1334.

### **Carbohydrate Antigen (CA) 19-9 (Serial Monitor)**

**DCL Test Code:** 990729

**LabCorp Test Code:** 002261

**Replaces DCL Test:** 3057 CA 19-9

**CPT:** 86301

**Collection Container:** SST

**Specimen:** Preferred amount: 0.5 mL; Minimum amount: 0.3 mL

**Transport Temperature:** Refrigerated

### **Cancer Antigen (CA) 27.29 (Serial Monitor)**

**DCL Test Code:** 990730

**LabCorp Test Code:** 140293

**Replaces DCL Test:** 3058 CA 27.29

**CPT:** 86300

**Collection Container:** SST

**Specimen:** Preferred amount: 0.5 mL; Minimum amount: 0.3 mL

**Transport Temperature:** Refrigerated 5 days

### **Carcinoembryonic Antigen (CEA) (Serial Monitor)**

**DCL Test Code:** 990731

**LabCorp Test Code:** 002139

**Replaces DCL Test:** 3059 CEA

**CPT:** 82378

**Collection Container:** SST

**Specimen:** Preferred amount: 0.5 mL; Minimum amount: 0.3 mL

**Transport Temperature:** Refrigerated 7 days