

**MEMORANDUM**

**July 10, 2008**

**TO: PHYSICIANS LABORATORY CLIENTS**

**FROM: RUTH ANN BARTELS, MT(ASCP)  
DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: 1) HPV TESTING  
2) TESTING PREVIOUSLY SENT TO SPECIALTY LABS®**

- 1) Physicians Laboratory is pleased to announce that as of July 1, 2008, all HPV testing is being performed in our Omaha laboratory. We have accomplished this goal by changing the methodology and instrumentation upon which we perform this molecular diagnostics procedure. **Due to the method changes, the new CPT codes for HPV DNA by PCR, Liquid Based Vial (test #7680) are:**

**83890  
83898 x 3  
83909  
83914 x 4 (if typing is needed)**

In the past, we billed \$50.00 for a negative HPV and added an additional \$25.00 if the HPV was positive. Our new methodology has eliminated the screening phase since we run a very high positive percentage, and this has improved turn-around time on all HPV's. The method we now use performs all testing on all samples; therefore there will be just one fee for HPV's. **Effective August 1, the price for HPV will be \$75.00.**

- 2) Specialty Laboratories® was recently purchased by Quest Diagnostics®. We referred a few tests to Specialty; but effective immediately, we will no longer be sending any tests to this laboratory as their routing of samples has changed, which resulted in delay of testing and lost samples.

The following tests will now be sent to ARUP Laboratories ®:

**Cystic Fibrosis 32 Mutations (#9745):**

Specimen: 5.0 mL Whole Blood EDTA, K2EDTA, or ACD and a "Patient History Form"  
Storage: Refrigerated  
CPT: 83890, 83900, 83901 X 31, 83914 X 33, 83909, 83912  
Cost: \$180.00

**Hemochromatosis Mutation Detection (#9744):**

Specimen: 5.0 mL Whole Blood EDTA, K2EDTA, ACD, Citrate, or Heparin and "ARUP Consent Form" is recommended.  
Storage: Refrigerated  
CPT: 83890, 83900, 83896 x 4, 83912  
Cost: \$205.00

**Mycoplasma Pneumoniae Culture (#9731)**

Specimen: Throat swab, sputum, or other respiratory sample, CSF, brain tissue, lung tissue, pericardial fluid, joint fluid, or vesicle swab in Universal Transport Media. \*\*Specimen source is required and must be noted on the requisition.\*\*  
Storage: Frozen  
CPT Code: 87109  
Cost: \$50.00

**Mannose Binding Lectin (Protein) (#9732):**

Specimen: 1 mL Serum or Lithium Heparin Plasma  
Storage: Frozen  
CPT Code: 83520  
Cost: \$125.00

**Platelet Factor 4 (WLD)**

Specimen: \*\*Call Send Outs to obtain kit and collection instructions\*\*  
Storage: Frozen  
CPT Code: 83520  
Cost: \$190.00

**Ureaplasma urealyticum/ Mycoplasma Hominis Culture (#9733)**

Specimen: Urine, urethral or cervical swab, semen, biopsy tissue, or body fluid,  
CSF, tracheal, or nasopharyngeal aspirate in Universal Transport Media.  
\*\*Specimen source is required and must be noted on the requisition.\*\* \*\* Do not  
submit on Saturday, Sunday or Holiday\*\*  
Storage: Refrigerated up to 48 hrs  
CPT Code: 87109  
Cost: \$65.00

**Free T3 by Equilibrium Dialysis (#9734)**

Specimen : 2.0 mL Serum, non-SST  
Storage: Refrigerated  
CPT Code: 84481  
Cost: \$90.00

**Free T4 by Equilibrium Dialysis (#9735)**

Specimen: 2.0 mL Serum, non-SST  
Storage: Refrigerated  
CPT Code: 84439  
Cost: \$55.00

The following tests will be sent to Mayo Medical Labs®:

**Endomysial Antibody IgG (#9736)**

Specimen: 3.0 mL Serum, non-SST  
Storage: Refrigerated  
CPT Code: 86255  
Cost: \$105.00

**PTH Related Peptide (#9737)**

Specimen: \*\*Patient must be fasting. Draw specimen in an ice-cooled 5 mL EDTA tube.  
Separate plasma from cells within 15 mins. of draw and place in transport tube.  
Freeze immediately.\*\*  
Storage: Frozen  
CPT Code: 82397  
Cost: \$90.00