



Laboratory Technical Bulletin

DATE: Thursday June 17, 2021


TITLE OF CHANGE: Lyme Test Ordering Changes

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EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: The laboratory currently performs Lyme antibody testing in-house with reflex to Western Blot (LYMES). At the request of Infectious Disease, a la carte ordering of serum Lyme PCR and tick-borne disease antibody panel have been discontinued due to frequent misordering of tests.

For suspicion of Lyme in blood, please order LYMES. For suspicion of other non-Lyme acute tick-borne diseases, please order TICKP. For suspicion of Lyme in CSF or synovial fluid, please order PBORR. If you have concerns about these changes, please contact Infectious Disease.

Test Code	Test Name	Change	Performing Site
LYMES	Lyme Ab Screen w/ Reflex to WB	Name Update	Cayuga Medical Lab
LYMWB	Lyme Disease Ab Immunoblot WB	Non-orderable, only done by Reflex with LYMES	Mayo Clinic Lab
TICKS	Tick-Borne Acute Ab Panel	Non-orderable, Replaced by TICKP	Mayo Clinic Lab
LYMPCR	Lyme Disease PCR, serum	Non-orderable, Replaced by LYMES	Mayo Clinic Lab
TICKP	Tick-Borne Panel, PCR Blood	No Changes	Mayo Clinic Lab
PBORR	Lyme Disease PCR, CSF or synovial fluid	No changes	Mayo Clinic Lab


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