



August 10, 2006

Dear Client,

Esoterix Coagulation Changes

Esoterix is committed to keeping our clients informed of changes, updates, and enhancements to our testing services as they occur. A complete listing of coagulation service changes is included with this letter and has been posted to our website at www.esoterix.com in the test menu section. All changes go into effect on August 21, 2006.

For additional information, please call us at (800) 444-9111 or contact your local sales representative. We value you as a customer and thank you for choosing Esoterix.

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Chief Operating Officer

Coagulation Test Update: August 21, 2006

Reference Range Changes (Effective August 21, 2006)

Test Code/Test Name	300807 - Thrombin Time
Reference Range	8.0 - 14.0 seconds
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Test Code/Test Name	300813 - Thrombin Time Mixing Study
Components	Thrombin Time, Thrombin Time 1:1 NP Mix
Reference Range	8.0 - 14.0 seconds
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Test Code/Test Name	300081 - INR
Reference Range	0.80 - 1.20 ratio
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Test Code/Test Name	300040 - APTT
Reference Range	23.0 - 33.6 seconds
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Test Code/Test Name	300806 - APTT Mixing Studies
Components	APTT, APTT 1:1 NP Mix, APTT 1:1 NP Control Mix, APTT 1:1 Saline Mix, APTT 1:1 NP 60 min. Incubation, APTT 1:1 NP Control 60 min. Incubation
Reference Range	aPTT = 23.0 - 33.6 seconds, aPTT 1:1 NP mix = 23.0 - 33.6 seconds, aPTT 1:1 saline mix = 23.0 - 150.0 seconds, aPTT 1:1 NP 60 min. incubation = 23.0 - 45.0 seconds, aPTT 1:1 NP control 60 min. incubation = 23.0 - 45.0 seconds
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Test Code/Test Name	300033 - Antithrombin Antigen, Plasma
Reference Range	72 - 124 %
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Test Code/Test Name	300312 - High Sensitivity C-Reactive Protein
Reference Range	Replace values in the current interpretive comment with the following: < 1.0 mg/L low risk; 1.0-3.0 mg/L mod. risk; > 3.0 mg/L high risk of CVD

CPT Code Changes (Effective August 21, 2006)

Test Code/Test Name	300116 - Prothrombin Time Mixing Study
Components	PT, PT 1:1 NP, PT 1:1 NP 60 min. incubation, PT 1:1 NP 60 min. incubation control
New CPT Code(s)	85610, 85611 X 2

Please Note: This document lists CPT codes to provide guidance. These codes are subject to change on a regular basis and it is the client's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the CPT codes listed. Please refer to the most current version of the CPT coding manual published by the American Medical Association to resolve any issues.