

ESOTERIX UPDATE

A NEWSLETTER FOR CLIENTS

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Holiday Closures

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, all Esoterix facilities will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, 2018, and Tuesday, January 1, 2019. For questions regarding specimen handling, please contact Esoterix client services at 800-444-9111.

Updates to the Esoterix Test Menu

Test Name	Test No.	Change (Only fields that change are included here. Unless noted, changes take effect immediately.)
Beta 2 Glycoprotein I Domain 1 Antibody	301634	Effective immediately, this test is no longer available.
Reproductive Health Thrombophilia Profile, Screening	300940	Effective January 14, 2019, this test will no longer be available.

For up-to-date test information, please consult the Esoterix Test Menu at www.esoterix.com. For additional information, call Esoterix client services at 800-444-9111.

Service Announcement:

Esoterix Changes Critical Value for International Normalized Ratio

Effective December 10, 2018, Esoterix will change the critical value for INR (international normalized ratio) from an INR of >5.9 to an INR of >4.9. INR is a calculation-reported result code when one orders **Prothrombin Time/INR (PT) (300080)**. The published INR critical value at Esoterix was reviewed in relation to a recently published paper, "Critical laboratory values in hemostasis: toward consensus," which recommends a value of >5.0 INR.¹ This paper is based on expert opinion. This critical INR value change is based on this recommendation and is made out of an abundance of caution.

Any custom panic (critical) or alert values that are >4.9 will no longer be honored. All accounts will be adjusted to the new INR critical value of >4.9.

Esoterix strives to provide the highest quality of care to patients in our continuing effort to improve health and improve lives. If you have any questions, please contact your local Esoterix representative.

Reference:

1. Lippi G, Adcock D, Simundic A, Tripodi A, Favaloro E. Critical laboratory values: toward consensus. *Ann Med*. 2017 Sep;49(6):455-461.



The CPT codes included in this publication are in accordance with *Current Procedural Terminology*, a publication of the American Medical Association. CPT codes are provided here for the convenience of our clients; however, correct coding often varies from one carrier to another, and specific carriers may be billed using codes other than those shown. Clients who bill for services should verify the codes with the applicable payer to confirm that their use is appropriate in each case.