ENSURE the RIGHT TEST for YOUR PATIENT
At the RIGHT TIME

NEW Web-based Laboratory Test Menu

Renown Laboratory Services and ARUP, Renown’s reference laboratory, offer a unique, integrated laboratory test selection tool that delivers seamless access to Renown’s comprehensive test menu through an easy to read mobile view for the iPad, iPhone, Android OS as well as through a link in EPIC CPOE. It includes detailed information on collection requirements, transportation, reference ranges, diagnostic algorithms, PubMed citations, and the National Guidelines Clearinghouse, a public resource for evidence-based clinical practice guidelines.

Renown’s test selection site also links directly to ARUP Consult®, offering more than 2,000 lab tests categorized into disease-related topics and more than 55 algorithms that support clinical decision making. Co-authored and maintained by ARUP Laboratories’ expert panel of University of Utah faculty, ARUP Consult® is updated regularly with current guidelines and recommendations.

Product Features

- **Access** the laboratory test menu at renown.org/ForPhysicians
- **Search** by key word in test directory or **browse** by topic, category, or algorithm
- **Updated** regularly with detailed information on collection requirements, transportation, reference ranges, and related test documents and information.
- **Explore** more than 200 disease-related topics organized by clinical background, diagnosis, lab tests, references, algorithms and more in ARUP Consult®
Dr. Elliott ELABORATES: Vitamin D 25-Hydroxy vs. 1,25-Dihydroxy

Vitamin D testing has increased, driven by physician concerns and media coverage of Vitamin D deficiency. Vitamin D deficiency has been associated with rickets, but research is revealing the importance of Vitamin D in protecting against a host of health concerns. When evaluating for Vitamin D deficiency or monitoring a patient’s response to Vitamin D therapy, 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D is the preferred test. The 1,25-Dihydroxy Vitamin D is not useful for initial evaluation of Vitamin D deficiency and should only be used in conjunction with the 25-Hydroxy test to evaluate patients suspected of having hypercalcemia or renal failure.

| Vitamin D screening | 25-Hydroxy Vitamin D | ✓ | 1,25-Dihydroxy Vitamin D | ✓ |
| Monitoring supplement response | ✓ | ✓ |
| Evaluating hypercalcemia or renal failure | ✓ | ✓ |
| Reported | within 24 hours | 2-4 days |

HOMETOWN HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE
Effective May 1, 2014, Sierra Pathology Associates (Renown’s pathologists) are now contracted with Hometown Health as an in-network provider for outpatient pathology services. This allows us to service both your inpatients and outpatients, providing seamless coordination of care locally to both you and your patients. To setup services for your practice, contact Mike Valentine, Outreach Coordinator at 982-4761, to arrange for pathology requisitions, supplies, and courier services.

Test UPDATES

Vaginal Pathogens DNA Panel
CPT Code: 87480, 87580, 87660   EPIC Code: LAB0000074

The BD Affirm VP III Microbial Identification Test is a DNA probe identification of Candida species, Gardnerella vaginalis and Trichomonas vaginalis in vaginal fluid specimens from patients with symptoms of vaginitis/vaginosis.

Collect
Vaginal specimen using BD Affirm Transport

Stability
72 hrs at room temperature using BD Affirm Transport

Performed
Sunday - Saturday
Replaces outpatient Wet Prep
Contact the lab at 982-4152 to order BD Affirm Transport Kits

Analyze This (answer): Plasmodium falciparum (malaria)

Compliance CORNER

Hemoglobin A1c Frequency
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have determined that it is not reasonable and necessary to perform glycated hemoglobin tests more often than every three months on a controlled diabetic patient or more frequently than once a month for diabetic pregnant women. For patients with uncontrolled type I or type II diabetes mellitus in which testing more frequently than four times per year is indicated, medical necessity documentation must support such testing in excess of the Medicare guidelines or the patient will be financially responsible.