

MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Medical Laboratory Clients

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SUBJECT: **New Test for Chronic Hepatitis Liver Fibrosis**

Effective May 26, 2015, RML will switch testing for Chronic Hepatitis Liver Fibrosis from Lab Corp's FibroSURE® to ARUP's FibroMeter®. FibroMeter® is a more accurate method for noninvasive, serum surrogate marker testing for the assessment of liver fibrosis in patients with chronic viral hepatitis.

For accurate results, this test requires the collection of three (3) separate tubes: one (1) Purple EDTA, one (1) Light Blue NaCit and one (1) SST Clot tube.

Specimen volume & processing for each tube is as follows:

- EDTA Tube – 5 mL (1 mL min); Keep whole blood & submit refrigerated
- Light Blue NaCit – 1 mL (0.5 mL min); Specimen must be double spun & frozen within 2 hours of collection. The Coagulation Double Spin Procedure is located on www.rmlonline.com.
- SST Clot tube – 3 mL (1.2 mL min); Specimen must be spun, serum separated from cells & frozen within 2 hours of collection.

The RML Test code number 9003600 will be discontinued & replace with the new RML Test code number 9000135. Tubes can be requested by faxing the supply order form to Materials Management at 918-744-3006 or 888-833-0528.

Previous Procedure Mnemonic	Previous Long Name	Previous Procedure Number	Previous CPT4 Code/s
FIBROSURE	FibroSure®	9003600	83883; 83010; 82172; 82247; 82977; 84460
New Procedure Mnemonic	New Long Name	New Procedure Code	New CPT Code/s
FIBROMETER	FibroMeter®	9000135	81599

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Gerald Miller, Ph.D., Nikki Garner, or Shelli Lamb, Reference Lab Specialist at 918-744-2500.