



MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) Clients
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 Subject: **Updates to Pathologist Evaluation of Peripheral Blood Smears and CBCs**

In an effort to continuously improve the utilization of diagnostic tools available to our clients, Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) would like to share updates to available orderable tests pertaining to pathologist comprehensive evaluation and review of patient history, complete blood counts (CBC) and peripheral blood smears. Effective 4/30/18, RML will be launching a new test designed for clients requesting a HemePath consultation or pathology review of CBC results and blood smear slides performed at the clients' laboratory. An RML pathologist will review patient history, CBC results and blood smear, and issue a Hematopathology report indicating their findings. Please submit a copy of the CBC results performed in your lab and two (2) unstained blood smears and patient history.

For clients requesting RML to perform the CBC and blood smear in addition to the pathologist review, please continue to order the standard HemePath Consult or HemePath Consult Analyzer. Please note, an EDTA lavender tube must be received in the lab within 24 hours of collection. Additional details regarding the components of these tests are available in the table below and on www.rmlonline.com.

Test Code (TC)	Full Name	Components
2904600	HemePath Consult	CBC with automated differential, IPF, Reticulocyte Count and pathologist consult. The peripheral blood smear, laboratory data and clinical history are reviewed by a pathologist who issues an interpretative report.
0110800	HemePath Consult Analyzer	Testing algorithm designed for use in the evaluation of CBC abnormalities. A CBC with automated differential, IPF, Reticulocyte Count, and pathologist consult, begins a cascade with the appropriate testing added as needed to complete analysis. The peripheral blood smear, laboratory data and clinical history are reviewed by a pathologist who issues an interpretative report.
NEW 2904690	HemePath Consult w/Client Submitted CBC	Client submitted CBC with automated differential and peripheral blood smear. The pathologist consult only will be billed. The clients submitted peripheral blood smear, laboratory data and clinical history are reviewed by a pathologist who issues an interpretative report.

Additionally, RML is discontinuing the use of the PBS Review (TC# 0107750) and PBS Review with CBC (TC# 2911222) orders to provide a more simplified ordering process for our clients. Please discontinue use of these orders and begin using the orders in the table above when requesting pathologist evaluation of CBC results and peripheral blood smears. Additional information regarding these changes can be found in the Livewire notification distributed on 4/9/2018. This document can be found on RML Online in the Downloads section.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Dr. Cindi Starkey, Medical Director of RML, or Sonya Bruening, Manager of Hematology, at 918-744-2553.