

# CENTRA CARE Laboratory Services

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**DATE:** 5/21/2014

**TO:** CCLS Clients

**FROM:** CentraCare Laboratory Services-Specimen Referrals

**SUBJECT:** Changes to Fungal Serology Testing (Serum and CSF)

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Effective immediately, Mayo Medical Laboratories has discontinued the Fungal Serology Panel tests for both serum and CSF for the following reasons provided by Mayo:

This survey has been discontinued in an effort to improve test utilization and encourage providers to consider each patient's exposure history, their underlying immune status and clinical presentation prior to ordering fungal serologic testing. Additionally, tailored fungal antibody/antigen testing will ultimately decrease laboratory associated costs to the patient.

Order codes for the panels (LAB0201822 for Serum and LAB0210435 for CSF) have been eliminated. Individual codes for components of those panels are:

LAB0220703 Coccidioides Antibody, Serum  
LAB0299271 Cryptococcus Antigen Screen, Serum  
LAB0232231 Blastomyces Antibody, Serum  
LAB0205898 Histoplasma Antibody, Serum

LAB0220728 Coccidioides Antibody, CSF  
LAB0299263 Cryptococcus Antigen, CSF  
LAB0220753 Blastomyces Antibody, CSF  
LAB0220792 Histoplasma Antibody, CSF

Please order the individual tests as clinically indicated for your patients. Feel free to contact the Laboratory Specimen Referral Center with questions or concerns at 320-255-5999, ext. 57320 or [steind@centracare.com](mailto:steind@centracare.com).