

LabFirst
“World Class Lab Services
From A Neighborhood Provider”



WELCOME



Hello! I hope you have settled back into your routines after our wonderful holiday season!

This year has begun as a very busy year for laboratories.

CMS has decided to delay enforcement of the new rule that a physician signature is **required** on requisitions for all clinical diagnostic laboratory tests paid on the basis of the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule until April 1, 2011.

This is a major change that will alter workflow for both the physicians and laboratories. There are several groups working to try and get CMS to reconsider implementing this rule. Health care reform will cause many changes to our operations moving forward.

We value your business and pledge to work with you through these changing times! Thank you for allowing LabFirst to provide your laboratory service needs.

Kelley Mitcham, Lab Director

Physician Signature Requirement

Effective January 1, 2011, a physician signature is **required** on requisitions for all clinical diagnostic laboratory tests paid on the basis of CLFS.

We ask for your cooperation and immediate compliance of this requirement by including the **physician signature** on all laboratory test requisitions from this date forward.



New Testing Available

We are pleased to now offer the following tests in-house at LabFirst

Respiratory Virus Panel (RVP) by DFA

Includes: Influenza A & B, Adenovirus, Parainfluenza 1,2,3,4, RSV, Metapneumovirus

Nasopharyngeal swab/ aspirates or washes
Submit in M5 viral media with a **plastic flocked** swab.

Rapid Flu Screen by EIA

Includes: Influenza A & B

Nasopharyngeal swab/ aspirates or washes
Submit in M5 viral media with a **plastic flocked** swab.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) by EIA

Nasopharyngeal swab/ aspirates or washes
Submit in M5 viral media with an **aluminum wire** swab.

Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoeae (Gen-Probe RNA Assay)

3 acceptable specimen types:

ThinPrep/PresevCyt

First catch voided urine in specimen cup

Unisex Specimen Swab

Testing Update:

Effective 1/24/11, **Iron Studies** will include:
% Fe Saturation, Iron, TIBC, Transferrin, UIBC, and Ferritin.

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Two Patient Identifiers

The Joint Commission requires **two** patient identifiers on each specimen. Acceptable patient identifiers are as follows:

1. Patient's full name
2. Patient's Date of Birth
3. Patient's Social Security Number

Requisition number stickers from LabFirst requisitions **are not** acceptable.

In order to be compliant with TJC, we will be rejecting specimens that do not have two patient identifiers starting April 1, 2011.



Meet your Client Representative: Yvonne Marbury

Hi, my name is Yvonne Fitts Marbury. I attended Phillips High School and Booker T. Washington Business College. I started at BMC Princeton in 1974 in the lab's communication department where I worked for about 20 years. My job has always been full of experiences as I interact with doctors and nurses on the lab's behalf and I have enjoyed every minute of it! In 2001, I joined BMC Montclair (now Trinity) in Central Processing and Specimen Control where I learned a lot about the pre-analytical side of lab testing.

Now as a 36 year veteran in labwork, I enjoy my position in client services. I have always had a special concern for people and enjoy helping whoever I can, whether it is clients or my co-workers.

I have 3 daughters and 9 grandchildren. In my free time I really enjoy dancing and being with my grandchildren who are the joy of my life. I thank God for allowing me to work for so long with a company that is such an enjoyment!



Trinity Medical Center Names Vice President of Clinical Services

Sam Dean has been named Vice President of Clinical Services at Trinity Medical Center. Prior to his appointment at Trinity, he served as Director of Clinic Operations at Infirmiry Medical Clinics in Mobile and as Administrative Resident for Infirmiry Health System, Thomas Hospital, in Fairhope.

A native of Birmingham, Dean received his Bachelor of Science degree in Bio-Medical Science, with a minor in business, from Auburn University.



He holds masters degrees in both business administration and health administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. In his spare time, Dean serves as a volunteer at Camp Smile-A-Mile. He and his wife, Alicia, reside in Mountain Brook.



NCD CODES

In 2001, CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) developed 23 national coverage determinations (NCDs) for clinical diagnostic laboratory services. These NCDs should be submitted with ICD-9-CM codes that support medical necessity or be accompanied by a completed ABN signed by the patient if the testing is not supported by a medically necessary code.

CMS updates the NCD code list quarterly to incorporate new codes. For the January 2011 NCD Coding Policy Manual and Change Report, you can download the list from www.cms.hhs.gov.