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Dear Healthcare Provider,  
The information contained here may be very important to your practice. Please take a moment to review this document.

**MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA – NOW ORDERABLE TOGETHER**

Based on ordering patterns and physician requests, PCL Alverno is pleased to announce a group test code that combines Measles, Mumps and Rubella IgG Antibody testing. Each assay will continue to be available to order individually.

**CPT CODES\***

86765; 86735; 86762

**SOFT CODE\*\***

MMR

**REFLEX CRITERIA FOR URINE CULTURE**

PCL Alverno has recently updated its criteria for urine culture reflex testing from >5 WBCs to >10 WBCs. Effective January 2018, all urinalysis ordered with a urine culture reflex will do so based upon the new criteria.

**COMMON RAGWEED ALLERGEN TEST CHANGE NOTIFICATION EFFECTIVE 1/16/2018**

**TEST CHANGES**

ThermoFisher has recently reformulated its ImmunoCAP® Allergen, w1, Common Ragweed assay. The new assay now more accurately reflects the allergen composition as it appears in nature. As a result of the change in raw material used to produce the new assay, testing has shown an average of two times increased recovery in samples with detectable amounts of specific IgE to Common Ragweed. Individual samples, however, may show similar or reduced values compared to the previous formulation. With the increase in recovery, the manufacturer has suggested to adjust the current cut-off value of <0.35 kU/L to <0.10 kU/L.

**REPORTING UPDATE**

Current negative cut-off value	New negative cut-off value
<0.35 kU/L	<0.10 kU/L

**CPT CODE\***

86003

**SOFT CODE\*\***

AGRGS (Allergen, Common Ragweed) – Test may also be included in allergen panels.

\*CPT codes provided are for informational purposes only. Questions regarding coding should be directed to the payor.

\*\*Codes in your EMR may differ.

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