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## LAB ALERT

Date: March 14, 2022

### Ammonia Test Changes: Effective Immediately

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

We received notification from our instrument manufacturer that frozen heparinized (green top) plasma is no longer an acceptable specimen type for ammonia testing.

In order to accommodate our outreach clients and maintain turnaround time, we will be sending this testing to our local reference laboratory. **The specimen requirements, test code, and interface build information have changed.** Please update your systems and inactive test code NH3V and NH3A.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause and recognize that it may take clients some time to update their systems. If you do not have the new code built you may not get a result in your EMR, please call us at 402-559-6420 to get a faxed copy of your result.

This change is effective immediately.

**NEW TEST NAME:** [Ammonia, Plasma](#)

**NEW TEST CODE:** AMMPL

**NEW Specimen Requirements:** EDTA plasma, frozen. Draw one lavender EDTA tube, centrifuge immediately and separate the plasma into an aliquot tube. **Freeze immediately.**

Specimen Stability: 3 days frozen

**Interfaced Clients:** Please see code below for the interface build

OrderCode	OrderName	ResultCode	ResultName	ResultUnits	LOINC	CPT
AMMPL	AMMONIA, PLASMA	AMMR	Ammonia	umol/L	16362-6	82140

**Reference Ranges:**

0D - 15D 21 - 110 umol/L

15D - 150Y 10 - 36 umol/L

If you have any questions or issues with these changes please contact client services at 402-559-6420 and ask to speak with one of the client coordinators at <https://www.reglab.org/contact-us/>

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