



MPLN Newsletter

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MPLN Updates Print Catalogue

Molecular Pathology Laboratory Network, Inc. (MPLN) redesigned the print version of the test directory to complement the latest information on our website at www.mplnet.com. If you want to receive MPLN's new print catalogue, please contact a client services specialist at **866.726.1833**.

MPLN Offers EBER by ISH

Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) is associated with a variety of pathological conditions including infectious mononucleosis, Burkitt's lymphoma, the Reed Sternberg cells of Hodgkin's disease and nasopharyngeal carcinoma. In HIV patients, EBV demonstrates in primary central nervous system lymphomas and oral hairy leukoplakia lesions.

To detect EBV gene expression, MPLN utilizes *in situ* hybridization (ISH) technology. This test, EBER by ISH, is performed at MPLN on formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissue. Results are very similar to the traditional immunohistochemistry slide.

For more information about this test, contact a technical services specialist at **866.726.1833**.

What's On Your Marketing Agenda?



Ajenda Healthcare Marketing, a full-service creative and strategic marketing firm, was created to assist MPLN and Ascendant Medical Laboratory clients with marketing and communication needs.

Some services offered by Ajenda Healthcare Marketing include:

- Advertising
- Graphic Design
- Media and Public Relations
- Product and Company Branding
- Special Event Coordination
- Website Development

For information about all our healthcare marketing services, contact Ajenda Healthcare Marketing at **865.273.1118**.

MPLN Expands IHC Menu

MPLN recently validated Caldesmon, Annexin A1 and Survivin as new IHC tests. For more information about a specific IHC marker, visit www.mplnet.com, or call a client services specialist at **866.726.1833**.

Quigley Obtains State Licensure



Dr. Neil Quigley, vice president of MPLN's clinical trial division, Geneuity® Clinical Research Services, earned state licensure as a medical laboratory director in molecular diagnostics. Tennessee state license grants Quigley the ability to review and sign out clinical molecular diagnostic test

results. Candidates certified by American Board of Bioanalysis must hold a doctoral degree, have four years experience, and demonstrate proficiency in their respective areas of concentration. Candidates must also receive strong recommendations by their peers.

Jones Named Chief Information Officer

MPLN recently named Jason Jones the chief information officer. Jones is responsible for all aspects of MPLN's information infrastructure and software development and deployment. Jones has more than 17 years experience in information technology (IT). Prior to joining MPLN, Jones served in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he was granted top security clearance to work in areas of national defense. Jones holds many IT certifications and is one of few people in the country with such a high degree of specialization in IT.

Humana Requiring Preauthorization

If your patient is Humana commercially insured, be sure to preauthorize any molecular diagnostic or genetic testing through Humana Genetic Guidance Center at DNA Direct. Requests for preauthorization may be conducted at www.humana.dnadirect.com or by calling **1.877.506.5193**.

Contact our billing department at **800.600.1274** with questions about Humana's preauthorization requirements and process.



BCBST Has New Mailing Address

Effective immediately, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee has a new claims mailing address and will no longer use a PO Box number.

The new claims address is:

**1 Cameron Hill Circle, Suite 0002
Chattanooga, TN 37402-0002**

Please Note: The new address has been updated in MPLN's Symphony WebOrder system, so please choose this new address. Also, although the back of your patients' insurance cards may still indicate the old PO Box address, it is not correct. Any mail sent to the former BCBST PO Box address will be returned to sender.

2010 CPT Code Updates

Some of our tests have new CPT codes and/or CPT code modifiers. The most recent updates are listed below. These codes are provided as a guide only and should not be used exclusively for coding practices. CPT codes can vary on a case by case basis.

CPT Code Updates

88387 - Macroscopic examination, dissection, and preparation of tissue for non-microscopic analytical studies (eg, nucleic acid-based molecular studies); each tissue preparation (eg, a single lymph node)

88388 - Macroscopic examination, dissection and preparation of tissue for non-microscopic analytical studies (eg, nucleic acid-based molecular studies); in conjunction with a touch imprint, intraoperative consultation or frozen section, each tissue preparation

36415 - Collection of venous blood by venipuncture

36416 - Collection of capillary blood specimen (e.g. finger, heel, ear stick) not covered by Medicare

88312, 88313 - No longer considered "add-on" codes to surgical pathology services. The codes include interpretation and report each.

88312 - Special stains (List separately in addition to code for primary service); Group I for microorganisms.

88313 - Special stains; Group II, all other except immunocytochemistry and immunoperoxidase stains.

All Factor Assays (Factor II, V, PAI, MTHFR)

Based on Invader Methodology:

83891 - Molecular isolation

83892 - Enzymatic digestion

83896 x5 - Nucleic acid probe, each

83903 x1 - Mutation scan

83908 - Amplification each sequence

83912 - Interpretation and report

Cystic Fibrosis 32 Mutation Analysis Panel:

88235 - Culture initiation if amniotic fluid

83891 - Molecular isolation

83900 - Amplification, target, multiplex, first 2 nucleic acid sequences

83901 x30 - Amplification each multiplex reaction

83909 - Separation by capillary electrophoresis

83914 x32 - Mutation identification (OLA)

83912 - Interpretation and report

All Constitutional FISH Assays:

88368 xn - Morphometric manual analysis, *in situ* hybridization

CPT Code Modifiers:

26: professional component

59: distinct service

90: reference lab

91: repeat lab test

For a complete list of MPLN tests and CPT codes, please contact a client services specialist at **866.726.1833**.