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SUBJ: LABORATORY TESTING UPDATE

A. Coast Guard Medical Manual, COMDTINST M6000.1 (series)

B. HSWL Lab Technical Directive, HSWLSCTD 2014-02

1. The Electronic Medical Record (EMR) will be used to order laboratory tests.

2. Coast Guard providers ordering laboratory tests that are not in the EMR, will place the laboratory test order on a prescription pad and give it to their patient to have the laboratory test collected at a local Tricare participating laboratory. Providers wanting to determine if a test is covered by Tricare can contact their Regional Tricare Contractor or have the patient request a benefit analysis. If a patient is a cadet or recruit, the order may be placed with Quest if on the Quest contract. If not on the Quest contract the patient must be sent to a Tricare participating laboratory.

3. If a test is not orderable in the EMR and the provider would like the test to be added to the EMR, the provider can submit a request. Instructions for submitting a request are outlined in the Laboratory SOP: Laboratory Test Change/Addition Request which can be found on the HSWL-SC Portal in the OPMED Library

-<https://cgportal2.uscg.mil/units/hswlsc/OpMed/SitePages/Home.aspx>.

4. A comprehensive list of all approved Quest laboratory tests is located on the HSWL-SC Portal in the OPMED library (the document is entitled Quest Contracted Tests).

5. Coast Guard clinics will not process laboratory test orders from non-Coast Guard providers. Coast Guard providers will not assume responsibility for laboratory tests ordered by non-Coast Guard providers by ordering tests under their own name.

6. The following tests are no longer authorized to be performed in-house:

- a. Rapid HIV
- b. Spun HCT
- c. HGB

7. These changes will be incorporated into the next update of references A and B.

8. For questions regarding this message, contact CDR Jeffrey A. Christopher, Laboratory Consultant, at [Jeffrey.A.Christopher\(AT\)USCG.MIL](mailto:Jeffrey.A.Christopher(AT)USCG.MIL) or (609) 898-6544.

9. CAPT Erica G. Schwartz, Chief, Office of Health Services, sends.

10. Internet release authorized.

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