

Test Update: HLA-B27 Test Code Change

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Effective March 16, 2020, PathGroup will discontinue HLA-B27 DNA Typing (**Test Code: HLABP**) and transition to the clinically equivalent HLA-B27 DNA Typing test (**Test Code: HB27D**). HLA-B27 testing is most frequently used to determine the presence of certain autoimmune disorders like ankylosing spondylitis or reactive arthritis.

The turnaround time for the new HB27D test will decrease from 7 – 9 days to 5 – 7 days. There will be no change to the CPT code.

Specimen requirements for testing will not change as testing can still only be performed on whole blood from an EDTA (lavender) tube. ACD (yellow-top) tubes will not be accepted for testing at this time.

After the March 16 effective date, additional information about HLA-B27 DNA Typing will be found on the online Directory of Services at <http://www.pathgroup.com/clinical/testing-menu/>.

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TEST CODE	TEST NAME	TEST CODE	TEST NAME
HLABP	HLA-B27 DNA Typing	HB27D	HLA-B27 DNA Typing

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