

PDL Update:



NEW CORTISOL ORDER CODE

Effective: February 2, 2021

NEW TEST ORDER OPTION

Effective February 2, 2021, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) has a new order option for Cortisol.

PDL has added test code LAB10838 (CORTISOL, Total) for Cortisol orders that do not specify AM or PM collection. The test result will include the applicable reference range based on the time the specimen is collected. The Cortisol AM (LAB8769) and Cortisol PM (LAB8771) order codes are still available.

TEST NAME	NEW CODE	DRAW TIMING
CORTISOL, TOTAL	LAB10838	Provider should advise patient
	EXISTING CODES	
CORTISOL, AM	LAB8769	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM
CORTISOL, PM	LAB8771	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Serum cortisol concentrations normally show a diurnal variation. Maximum concentrations are usually reached early in the morning and then concentrations decline throughout the day to an evening level that is about half of the morning concentration; therefore, for interpretation of results, it is important to know the collection time of the serum sample.

NEXT STEP: If this new order option is helpful to your practice, please add the order code on your requisition and/or within your EMR system.

Test Name	Order Code	Test Code	Result Code	LOINC	CPT	CDM
CORTISOL, TOTAL	LAB10838	1230118915	1230018605	58642-0	82533	30100126

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100

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