

CLIENT UPDATE

Obstetric Antibody Screens

Salem Hospital Regional Laboratory is pleased to announce the addition of two new order codes, and modifications to two of our exiting Prenatal Profiles. These are being made to better serve our Obstetric population, and insure optimal quality of care. Effective June 1, 2006 new order codes will be available for OB patients as follows:

PABST – Obstetric Antibody Screen Reflex to Titer

PTSRT – Obstetric Type and Antibody Screen reflex to Titer

Both antibody screens without titer (**ABSCR**), and antibody titers (**ABT**) are still orderable individually, but antibody screens without titers are not recommended for obstetric patients.

Additionally, we are modifying the antibody screen only code in the Prenatal Panel (**PNAT1**) and the Prenatal Panel with HIV (**PNAT2**) with the Obstetric Antibody Screen Reflex to Titer code. Therefore, patients with an antibody will automatically have a titer performed on IgG class antibodies. All other panel components remain the same.

Antibody titers are not performed for IgM class antibodies in any of these testing scenarios.

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