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Memo to: Clients

Re: Changes to BC Neuroimmunology Testing via ICL

The process for ordering BC Neuroimmunology (BCN) tests from ICL will be revised effective June 17, 2024, as outlined below. (BCN tests can be viewed in the ICL online test catalogue by performing an Advanced Search by Test Location.)

## 1. Revising requisition requirements

To enhance and simplify the ordering process, ICL will no longer require submission of the customized BCN-ICL requisition. Effective June 17, 2024, please follow the processes below when ordering BCN tests from ICL.

## **Manual Orders**

Please submit specimens using your routine requisitioning process and indicate the **ICL Test ID** for the test you are ordering. Indication of the ICL test ID is mandatory to ensure there is no ambiguity regarding the required test. Test IDs can be found on the ICL <u>online test catalogue</u> within each test listing.



## **Interfaced Orders**

HL7 Codes for interface setup can be found on the ICL <u>online test catalogue</u> within each test listing.

## 2. Sunsetting reciprocal billing process

Effective June 17, 2024, ICL will no longer be providing reciprocal billing options for these BCN tests:

- Acetylcholine Receptor Antibodies by RIPA, Serum
- Acetylcholine Receptor Antibodies with MuSK Reflex by RIPA, Serum
- MuSK Antibodies by RIPA Only, Serum



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Voltage-gated calcium channel (VGCC) Antibodies by RIPA, Serum

The tests will continue to be available as client-billed tests, however, there will be no option to bill the province. To obtain prices for any test please contact our Client Care team at <a href="mailto:info@iclabs.ca">info@iclabs.ca</a>.

ICL will also continue to offer the following client-billed tests available at other laboratories:

- <u>Acetylcholine Receptor Antibodies, Serum</u> Performed at Hamilton General Hospital in Hamilton, ON
- Myasthenia Gravis Panel (Anti-AChR and MuSK), Serum/Plasma –
  Performed at London Health Sciences Centre in London, ON.

If you have further questions, please contact Client Care at 416-422-3000 ext. 300 or info@iclabs.ca

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