



**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** 3-28-18

**TO:** NPL Clients

**FROM:** Rhonda Burgard, MPA, MT (ASCP) BB Client Services Supervisor

**RE: Test Delay-** Asialo-GM1 Antibodies IgG/IgM component test is not available.

ARUP has notified Northern Plains Laboratory that effective immediately, due to a vendor reagent issue, the Asialo-GM1 Antibodies IgG/IgM test result is temporarily unavailable. The vendor has not determined the availability of new reagent. This test is not orderable separately, but is a component of the four motor sensory panels listed below:

- Ganglioside (Asialo-GM1, GM1, GM2, GD1a, GD1b and GQ1b) Antibodies ([0051033](#))
- Motor Neuropathy Panel ([0051225](#))
- Motor and Sensory Neuropathy Evaluation with Reflex to Titer and Neuronal Immunoblot ([2007966](#))
- Motor and Sensory Neuropathy Evaluation with Immunofixation Electrophoresis and Reflex to Titer and Neuronal Immunoblot ([2007967](#))

All panels were placed on test delay status on March 16, 2018. In an effort to support quality patient care, effective immediately, ARUP will release the results of all components except Asialo-GM1 Antibodies IgG/IgM, which will be resultated as “See note.” Clients will receive a credit for that component. The “See note” comment will state that the result is currently unavailable and credit will be issued for that component.

Asialo-GM1 antibodies IgG/IgM have minimal clinical significance by themselves, but do support a clinical diagnosis in conjunction with other clinical parameters and/or other motor neuropathy markers.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rhonda Burgard, Client Services Supervisor at 701-530-5700.