

Laboratory Client Update

Lipid Panel w/ Reflex to Direct LDL

Now Available

Effective August 23, 2021

Salem Health Laboratories has now expanded our Lipid Panel Testing options. In addition to our standard Lipid Panel (LIPSC), we now offer Lipid Panel with Reflex to Direct LDL when triglycerides >400 mg/dL (LIPSR).

In most cases, calculated LDL-C is a good estimate of the LDL-C, but it becomes less accurate with increasing triglyceride levels. When triglycerides are significantly elevated (above 400 mg/dL), the equation is no longer valid. In these situations, the only way to accurately determine LDL-C is to measure directly. This ordering option was created when prior test results have indicated high triglycerides. An additional fee will be added *only if* the Direct LDL Cholesterol is performed.

In addition, you now have the ability to order Direct LDL test as a standalone test (LDLCD). This testing option is available when triglycerides are significantly elevated (> 400 mg/dL) or you have another condition that affects the accuracy of calculated LDL-C.

Ordering Options

Test Name	Components Included	EPIC Test Number	Lab Test Code	CPT
Lipid Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Total Cholesterol•Triglycerides•HDL•Calculated LDL (Not reported if Triglycerides are greater than 400mg/dL)•Total Cholesterol/HDL Ratio	LAB8078	LIPSC	80061
Lipid Screen with reflex to Direct LDL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Total Cholesterol•Triglycerides•HDL•Calculated LDL (if Triglycerides are greater than 400mg/dL Direct LDL will be performed)•Total Cholesterol/HDL Ratio	LAB8351	LIPSR	80061, 83721
Direct LDL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•LDL-C, Direct	LAB8302	LDLCD	83721

Please note: Lipid Screen testing is performed Sunday – Saturday and Direct LDL reflex is performed Monday- Saturday. For additional testing information please reference our Laboratory Test Directory, testmenu.com/salemhealthlab.com.

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