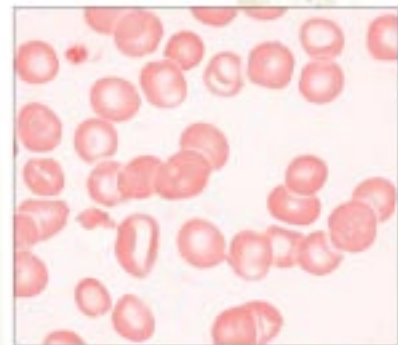




2009 Catalog and Information Guide for Proficiency Testing

**Improving Quality Care Through
Accurate Diagnostic Testing**



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What's New

Expanded Online Options

- Evaluation Reports—includes historical reports from 2006 to the present
- Improved Results Reporting—take a second look! See Page 17.
- Participant Summaries—print only certain pages or the entire document
- Enrollment
- Renew by using the online enrollment form
- Program Forms

At-a-Glance Hematology Table

See page 5 for assistance in selecting the correct module for your 5-part differential instrument.

Continuing Education—CEexpress

New CEexpress Courses:

- MLE CEexpress 5: Urine Culture Basics
- MLE CEexpress 6: Evaluating Red Blood Cells
- MLE CEexpress 7: Personnel Training and Competency Assessment

Educational Resources

Look for an all-inclusive “Educational Resource” catalog in coming weeks.

New Modules

HEMATOLOGY

- Hematology with 5-part Differential (module 229). See page 5.
- Sedimat 15 ESR (module 248). See page 6.

COAGULATION

- CoaguChek XS Plus Prothrombin Time (module 330). See page 6.

IMMUNOLOGY

- Tear Lactoferrin (module 756). See page 10.
- Tear IgE (module 757). See page 10.
- ANA Expanded (module 782). See page 10.
- ANA Expanded—Add-On (module 783). See page 10.

CHEMISTRY

- Serum Alcohol and Acetone (module 835). See page 12.
- Ammonia (module 836). See page 12.
- Afinion Glycohemoglobin (module 851). See page 13.
- PSA—Add-On (module 859). See page 13.

MICROBIOLOGY

- MRSA Screen (module 695). See page 9.

Modules No Longer Available

CHEMISTRY

- Theophylline (module 832)
- Theophylline—Add-on (module 833)

Revised Modules

HEMATOLOGY

See Table on page 5

- Hematology with 5-part differential (module 226)—Now only for Beckman-Coulter instruments.
- Hematology with 5-part differential (module 223)—Now includes all Abbott instruments.

PPM

- Provider-Performed Microscopy (module 534). Includes Fern testing. See Page 7.

CHEMISTRY

- Chemistry Module (module 810)—Now includes Direct Bilirubin—module 842. See page 11.
- Piccolo Waived Chemistry (module 812). See page 11.
New Analytes: Chloride, CO₂, Potassium, Sodium
- Enzyme Chemistry—Add-On (module 823). See page 11.
Dropped Analyte: Acid Phosphatase
- i-STAT Chemistry (module 817 and 818). See page 12.
New Analyte: Ionized Calcium
- Direct Bilirubin (module 842). Now included in the Chemistry Module 810. See page 12.
- Endocrinology/Hematology/Oncology (module 860). See page 13.
New Analyte: Transferrin
Dropped Analyte: PAP
- PSA (module 861). Name change. See page 13.
Dropped Analyte: PAP
- Urine Drug Screen (module 868). See page 13.
New Analytes: Acetaminophen
Buprenorphine
Morphine
Oxycodone

MICROBIOLOGY

- Bacteriology 1 (module 630)—Now contains 6 culture specimens. See page 8.

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Attention: Renewing MLE Participants! Save \$75 on your 2009 enrollment!

Help increase peer group participation with MLE's Recruit 1, Waive 2 Program, by enrolling your colleagues in the MLE Program. You AND your colleagues will save \$75 for the 2009 program year! For details, see pages 18 and 20.

At a Glance

Customer Service Hours and Contact Information

Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET

Telephone: 1-800-338-2746, option 5

E-mail: mle@acponline.org

Fax: 202-835-0440

Web: www.acponline.org/mle

Event Dates

MLE ships 3 times per year. Enroll throughout the year.

After the first event, module pricing is pro-rated.

M1: February 2 • M2: May 4 • M3: September 14

Enrollment/Renewal of Proficiency Testing

Online Order Form: Visit www.acponline.org/mle. Click on the "Enrollment Info" link. Complete the appropriate electronic order form to automatically calculate pricing, and you will receive an order summary page.

MLE PT Order Form: Detach the order form, complete it and fax it. (If submitting a purchase order, please fax.)

Fax: 202-835-0440.

Mail:

Mailing Form with Payment	Mailing Form w/o Payment
RO800 ACP/MLE PO Box 7777 Philadelphia, PA 19175-0800	MLE/ACP Suite 700 25 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, DC 20001-7401

Method of Payment

Enroll now to ensure the availability of specimens for the 2009 program year. We will not bill you until November. Subsequent enrollments will be billed within 1 week after activation and are payable within 30 days. Additional payment options include credit card (Mastercard or Visa), purchase order, or check.

Off-Schedule Proficiency Testing

Provides laboratories with an option for immediate, on-demand proficiency testing, a complement to the regular scheduled proficiency testing. For more details on this service, see page 16.

PT Order Form Instructions

Enroll in MLE by **December 19, 2008**, to ensure you receive shipments for the entire year. You may enroll any time after the first event at a prorated cost depending on the availability of specimens.

Using the PT Order Form

Formulate Your Order

Review the catalog to determine the products which best meet your proficiency testing (PT) needs.

Note any instructions that refer to specific regulatory requirements or instrument/method compatibility. Choose the product most appropriate for your testing needs. **Please pay close attention to instrument compatibility notes when selecting hematology modules.**

Top Section

Complete the PT order form (see page 24).

1. Indicate how you heard about MLE or enter your MLE identification number if you are presently enrolled in the program.
2. Print the address of the location where the invoice statement should be mailed ("BILL TO").
3. Print the name of the laboratory director.
4. Enter the laboratory's CLIA identification number. If you do not know your CLIA identification number, contact your CMS Regional Office.
5. Print the address of the location where the proficiency testing specimens and program paperwork should be shipped (if different from the "BILL TO" address). We will send the PT specimens via one-day express delivery to the "SHIP TO" address. For this reason, we cannot deliver specimens to a PO Box, so please provide a complete street address.
6. Designate the regulatory agency(ies) or lab consultant(s) to receive a copy of your PT results by checking the appropriate box. Don't forget to include the COLA and state agency number assigned to you, if applicable, and the name, address, and phone number of any other persons who should receive a copy of your results.
7. Indicate a module number, description, quantity, and price.

Method of Payment

8. Specify the method of payment by checking the corresponding circle.

Enroll now to ensure the availability of specimens for the 2009 program year. We will not bill you until November. Subsequent enrollments will be billed within 1 week after activation and are payable within 30 days.

Send Invoice Option: FAX (202-835-0440) the order form or MAIL it to the Washington, DC, address listed on the form. Billing terms are normally net 30 days from the date of invoice.

Credit Card Option: FAX (202-835-0440) the order form or MAIL it to the Washington, DC, address listed on the form. Check VISA or MasterCard, indicate the card bearer's name, card number, and signature, and the expiration date.

Check Option: MAIL the order form and check to the Philadelphia address listed on the form.

Purchase Order (PO) Option: FAX (202-835-0440) the order form or MAIL the order form and a copy of the PO to the Washington, DC, address listed on the form.

Billing terms are net 30 days from the date of invoice.

Amount Due/Discounts

9. Add the cost of all the items you checked to the annual administration fee of \$75.

Enter the total amount in the box. If you qualify for an MLE ADVANTAGE discount, please check the appropriate box and provide the appropriate information.

Next Step

- Photocopy the order form for your records.
- Within two weeks, you should receive an "Order Verification" confirming receipt of this order. **If you do not receive the order verification within two weeks, please contact us immediately.**

The MLE products you order may contain pathogenic material. By returning the order form, you assume all risk and responsibility in connection with the receipt, handling, storage, use, and disposal of the products.

General Ordering Information

How to Order

If you would like assistance with designing the most economical order or have questions about our service or your order, contact MLE for assistance at 1-800-338-2746, option 5, or send us an e-mail at mle@acponline.org.

Order Online with Ease!

www.acponline.org/mle

- Click on the "Enrollment info" link.
- Click on the "2009 MLE PT Order Form" link.
- Complete the electronic form. It will calculate pricing for you. Once you submit the form, it will provide you with a summary of your order to print for your records. That's it!

If you are ordering an educational resource, click on the Educational Resources link.

Order By Fax

Complete the PT order form insert or the Educational Resources order form. Fax your completed order form to MLE: 202-835-0440. If using a PO, please fax a copy of it with the order form.

Order By Mail

Complete the PT order form according to these instructions and mail it to the address printed on the form.

Note: Purchase Orders (PO) must be accompanied by a renewal form or order form. POs by themselves will not be accepted.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Automatic Renewal Option: I do not want to worry about whether we are enrolled from year to year. Do you have an automatic renewal option?*

We sure do! By checking the Automatic Renewal box on the order form or your renewal form, you will never again have to worry about proficiency testing enrollment or placing your order for a new program year. We will automatically renew your enrollment, re-order the modules in which you participated the previous year, generate an order verification for your review, and send an order change form should you wish to add or delete modules from your renewed order. Simple. Easy. And best of all, one important management detail that you never have to worry about again! See the "Cancelling an Automatic Renewal Order" section for more information.

2. *When to Order: When does my order have to be submitted to ensure availability of the modules I ordered?*

We encourage you to enroll in MLE as soon as you can to guarantee product availability. Enrolling by December 19, 2008, will ensure that you receive shipments for the entire year. Remember, payment is not due until 30 days AFTER enrollment. (Enroll any time before November and we will not invoice you until November.)

You may enroll any time thereafter at a prorated cost depending on the availability of specimens. For every missed event that you are not enrolled, 1/3 of the module price is deducted. The annual administration fee remains. Note: The online ordering form automatically displays prorated prices. See question 4 for more details on prorated pricing.

3. *Individual International Orders: I live outside the United States and Canada and I am not with a distributor of MLE in my country. Please tell me about the shipping process.*

Individual laboratories outside the U.S. and Canada are subject to a minimum \$50 fee per shipment to cover shipping costs. Some destinations may be subject to additional S/H. Contact MLE Customer Service for specific shipping pricing information. Additionally, MLE cannot replace kits that are delayed or refused entry into your country. We will not issue credit or refunds on such shipments.

When enrolling in any of the MLE modules containing hazardous material, laboratories outside the U.S., including Canadian laboratories, must send to MLE any copies of the necessary valid permits for attachment to each shipment. The shipments will not be sent without required documentation.

Freight charges are not included in the commercial pricing. You will be invoiced for freight charges AFTER each shipment. These charges are due BEFORE your evaluation is mailed.

4. *Order Changes: Can I change my order at any time?*

Sure! We make every effort to accommodate new orders or order changes throughout the year subject to product availability.

5. *Irregular Order Frequency: Can I order modules outside my regular order? If so, do I have to be an MLE participant to order modules from you?*

Proficiency Testing is available upon request at any time during the program year (subject to product availability). Those enrolled with other PT providers are welcome to call upon MLE for help with reinstatement and compliance emergencies. See page 16 for details on off schedule testing.

6. *Needing Assistance: What if I need help with my order, testing, or regulations? Who can I turn to for immediate service?*

Our friendly and knowledgeable MLE Customer Service Representatives are available to assist with order selection, billing, address/name changes, order changes, and regulatory information. Additionally, experienced laboratory professionals will guide you through technical issues, interpretation of your results, and steps necessary for corrective action.

New Orders or Additions

All new orders must be submitted in writing to MLE. All changes to an existing order must be submitted in writing to MLE before they can be entered into the order processing system. Please send your order or order changes in writing at least four weeks prior to the next shipping date to ensure receipt of that shipment. MLE ships three times per year. You may enroll throughout the year.

Note: The MLE catalog lists the prices for the full year. After the first event, module pricing is prorated. If you add a module less than four weeks prior to the next shipping date, you MAY be subject to a "rush order" fee. Call MLE Customer Service at 1-800-338-2746, option 5, for more information.

Cancelling a Module

If we receive your written request for cancellation of a module(s) at least four weeks prior to the next shipping date, you will not be held accountable for payment of the module for the upcoming shipment or for the balance of the year. Unless otherwise requested, we will credit your account for that amount and the credit will be applied to additions to your order or toward enrollment for the next year.

If you cancel a module less than four weeks prior to the next shipping date, you are financially responsible for the cost of the module for the upcoming shipment. You will NOT be financially responsible for shipments AFTER the upcoming shipment. For example, you cancel (in writing) a module on January 2, 2009. The first shipment (M1) is scheduled to be shipped on February 2, 2009. You are responsible for one third of the annual cost of the module.

Cancelling an Analyte

If your laboratory reported tests during the previous event that have since been discontinued, please contact MLE Customer Service to request a "Test Menu Deletion" form or download the form at www.acponline.org/mle/enroll.htm.

Cancelling the Entire Order

We will refund any charges for unshipped specimens if we receive notification in writing four weeks prior to the next shipping date. Once we have shipped orders for pipettes, we cannot cancel the order or refund the cost. The annual administration fee is non-refundable.

Cancelling an Automatic Renewal Order

If you are enrolled in Module 116 (automatic renewal) and wish to cancel your entire order, you are required to contact MLE in writing **NO LATER THAN December 12, 2008**, to avoid any charges for the upcoming year.

MLE Proficiency Testing Price List

Code/Description	*Full Year	Code/Description	*Full Year	Code/Description	*Full Year
HEMATOLOGY					
210/Hematology	\$168	644/Urine Culture/Strep Antigen	\$237	NEW! 782/ANA Expanded	\$201
211/Basic Hematology	\$156	645/Urine/Throat Culture	\$237	NEW! 783/ANA Expanded A	\$144
212/Hemoglobin/Hematocrit	\$135	646/GC Culture	\$237	CHEMISTRY	
213/Hemoglobin/Hematocrit W	\$108	647/Urine Culture/Presump.ID/CC	\$276	810/Chemistry	\$288
215/Hemoglobin/Glucose—HemoCue	\$123	648/Colony Count	\$177	811/Cholestech W Chemistry	\$141
223/Abbott 5-Part Diff	\$273	649/Presump.ID/CC/Strep A Antigen	\$261	812/Piccolo Waived Chemistry	\$177
224/Sysmex 3-Part Diff	\$201	650/Gram Stain	\$147	813/Comp. Metabolic Panel	\$219
225/Hematology 3-Part Diff	\$201	652/Throat Culture/Urine Presump ID	\$276	814/Basic Metabolic Panel	\$168
226/Hematology 5-Part Diff	\$273	654/GC Culture A	\$93	815/Hepatic Profile	\$189
227/QBC Hematology	\$273	660/Strep A Antigen Detection	\$138	816/Hepatic Profile A	\$36
228/Hematology 5-Part diff- ACT 5 & Pentra 60C+	\$273	662/Strep A Antigen W	\$81	817/i-STAT Chemistry 1	\$336
NEW! 229/Hematology 5-Part diff-Sysmex XE/XT	\$273	668/Affirm VP Antigen Testing	\$351	818/i-STAT Chemistry 2	\$198
230/Blood Cell Id A	\$27	670/Chlamydia (EIA, DNA)	\$267	819/Chemistry 1	\$165
231/Blood Cell Id—stand alone	\$87	673/Chlamydia A	\$111	820/Chemistry 2	\$195
240/Reticulocyte Count	\$177	675/Chlamydia/GC (EIA, DNA)	\$291	821/Chemistry 3	\$225
247/Sed Rate	\$138	678/Dermatophyte Screen	\$150	822/Add'l Chemistry	\$36
NEW! 248/Sed Rate-Sedimat15	\$138	680/Rapid Antigen Det I W	\$153	823/Enzyme Chemistry	\$36
250/Body Fluid/Cell Count	\$135	681/Rapid Antigen Detection I	\$246	824/Thyroid Profile	\$201
COAGULATION					
320/Coagulation	\$147	682/Rapid Antigen Detection II	\$216	825/Thyroid Profile A	\$45
321/Prothrombin Time	\$138	683/Giardia lamblia/ Cryptosporidium Ag Det	\$198	826/Lipid Profile	\$195
325/CoaguChek S Prottime	\$186	686/Legionella Antigen Detection	\$153	827/Lipid Profile A	\$36
327/CoaguChek S Prottime W	\$123	687/Strep Pneumoniae Antigen Det.	\$153	829/Apolipoproteins	\$105
328/i-STAT Prottime	\$210	690/Parasitology	\$198	830/TDM	\$195
329/ITC Prottime W	\$123	NEW! 695/MRSA Screen	\$237	831/TDM A	\$45
NEW! 330/CoaguChek XS	\$186	IMMUNOLOGY			
BLOOD BANK					
451/ABO & Rh Factor (D Type)	\$261	750/Immunology	\$225	NEW! 835/Serum Alcohol/Acetone	\$198
452/Blood Bank I	\$522	751/Rheumatology – NOT HIGH SENSITIVITY	\$153	NEW! 836/Ammonia	\$132
453/Blood Bank II	\$540	755/Infectious Mono W	\$87	841/Neonatal Bilirubin	\$192
URINALYSIS					
530/Urinalysis	\$78	NEW! 756/Tear Lactoferrin	\$105	842/Direct Bilirubin A	\$30
531/Urinalysis Dipstick	\$60	NEW! 757/Tear IgE	\$132	845/Cardiac Markers	\$156
532/Urine Sed Id	\$84	761/Infect Mono/Rheumatoid Factor	\$210	846/BNP	\$177
533/Urine Sed Id A	\$18	762/Infectious Mono	\$147	847/Blood Gases	\$261
534/PPM	\$87	763/Rheumatoid Factor	\$147	848/Biosite Triage Cardiac Panel	\$345
535/PPM A	\$21	764/CRP	\$84	850/Glycohemoglobin	\$135
536/Microalbumin—Quant A	\$69	765/HS-CRP	\$87	NEW! 851/Afinion Glycohemoglobin	\$135
537/Fecal Occult Blood A	\$63	766/ANA LATEX	\$141	855/Fructosamine	\$132
538/KOH Slide	\$111	767/ANA (ELISA/IMMUNO ONLY)	\$141	NEW! 859/PSA A	\$36
539/Microalbumin	\$81	768/Complement C3, C4	\$168	860/Endocrinology/Hematology/ Oncol	\$171
540/Urine hCG A	\$18	769/Immunoglobulins, IgG, IgA, IgM	\$159	861/PSA	\$90
541/Urine hCG—stand alone	\$42	770/Specific Allergen Testing	\$309	862/Tumor Markers	\$348
542/Fecal Occult Blood	\$72	771/Rubella	\$144	863/Endocrinology 2	\$153
MICROBIOLOGY					
630/Bacteriology 1	\$249	772/Syphilis Serology	\$159	865/Serum hCG	\$147
640/Bacteriology 2	\$240	773/Diagnostic Allergy	\$309	866/Serum hCG A	\$72
641/Throat Culture	\$237	774/Lyme Disease Serology	\$195	868/Urine Drug Screening—Qual	\$165
642/Throat Culture/Strep A Antigen	\$237	775/Viral Markers	\$339	870/Whole Blood Glucose	\$228
643/Urine Culture	\$237	776/CRP A NOT HIGH SENSITIVITY	\$45	871/Whole Blood Glucose W	\$129
		777/HS-CRP A	\$48	880/Add'l Chem Testing Material	\$90
		778/ANA A (LATEX ONLY)	\$87	901/Waived and PPM Package	\$183
		779/ANA A (ELISA/IMMUNO ONLY)	\$87	100/Annual Fee (Includes Binder)	\$75
		780/H. pylori Antibody Det	\$129	LAB SUPPLIES	
		781/Mycoplasma Antibody	\$111	121/1mL Pipette	\$15
				126/Pipette Pump	\$21

W=Waived • **A**=Add-On • *Enroll after the 1st event and prices are prorated by 1/3 per event.

2009 MLE PT Order Form

1 New Enrollee
 Re-Enrolling Participant: MLE ID # _____

2 Bill To: (please print or type)

Contact _____
 Facility Name _____
 Address _____

 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Country (other than U.S.) _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 E-mail _____

3 Lab Director _____

4 CLIA ID # _____

5 Ship To: (no PO boxes for kit delivery)

Same as "bill to" address.
 Contact _____
 Facility Name _____
 Address _____

 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Country (other than U.S.): _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 E-mail: _____

Ship kit to different address (attach information)

6 Send a copy of my proficiency testing results to:

CMS COLA-ID # _____
 State Agency-ID # _____
 Other (attach name, address and phone number)

Activate Auto Renewal at no charge.
 (see next page for details)

Quantity	Module #	Description	Price	Ext.	Quantity	Module #	Description	Price	Ext.
2	210	Hematology Module	\$168	\$336					

Please note: Cancel a module IN WRITING up to 4 weeks prior to the upcoming shipment to avoid being

The MLE products you have ordered may contain pathogenic material. By returning this order form, you assume all risk and responsibility in connection with the receipt, handling, storage, use, and disposal of the material.

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8 Method of Payment

(Tax ID # 23-1520302)

Check (payable to ACP/MLE)

US funds drawn on US bank disclosure

Purchase Order # _____

Send Invoice Charge to: VISA MasterCard

Card # _____

Exp. _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Mailing the Order Form/Renewal Form

WITH check:

R0800
 ACP/MLE
 PO Box 7777
 Philadelphia, PA 19175-0800

WITHOUT check:

Medical Laboratory Evaluation
 Suite 700
 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC 20001-7401

9 Amount Due

Total Cost of Items Above= \$ _____

-Less Eligible Discount
 (Offers CANNOT be combined) = \$ _____

1- MLE + ACP Membership - SAVE \$75

ACP Member No. _____

2- NEW MLE + COLA Member - SAVE \$75

3- NEW COLA, MLE, ACP Member - SAVE \$75 + 10%

ACP Member No. _____

4- Multi-Site Organization - SAVE 10%

5- Consultant-SAVE 10%

8- Federal Agency - SAVE 15%-25%

9- Recruit 1, Waive 2 - SAVE \$75

Referring lab's MLE ID # _____

13- Former MLE Participant - SAVE 10%

ADV9-1 - SAVE \$75

ADV9-2 - SAVE \$75

ADV9-3 - SAVE \$75

ADV9-4 - SAVE \$75

ADV9-5 - SAVE \$75

ADV9-6 - SAVE \$75

ADV9-7 - SAVE \$75

ADV9-8 - SAVE \$75

+Annual Administration Fee
 (\$75, if no discount applies) \$ _____

Total Amount Due = \$ _____

FAX this form to: 202-835-0440
(call 1-800-338-2746, option 5,
to confirm receipt of fax)