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Subject: Changes to Malaria test name and reporting

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Laboratory Section: Hematology

Summary:

Effective 10/06/2025, the Malaria Smear, Giemsa test (test code – MALA) will be renamed Blood Parasite Smear, Giemsa (test code – MALA). This change will facilitate result reporting of parasites other than malaria.

Ordering providers are required to answer the following:

- 1) Patient's travel history.
- 2) Parasites being screened for: Malaria, Babesia, Others.

For reference, please see the attached screenshots of the Blood Parasite order screen.

Questions: If there are any questions regarding this change, test requirements or ordering, please contact:

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Screenshots of the
Blood Parasite order

