



## **TECHNICAL BULLETIN**

☐ **NEW TEST**   ☒ **TEST CHANGE**

NOTIFICATION DATE: 03/11/2022

EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/14/2022

### **Oligoclonal Banding Test Update (OLIGO)**

On the effective date March 14, 2022 Northwell Health Laboratories will adopt the 2017 McDonald diagnostic criteria for reporting oligoclonal bands in CSF for multiple sclerosis. The 2017 revisions of the McDonald diagnostic criteria for multiple sclerosis include the presence of 2 or more unique CSF oligoclonal bands (1). The presence of 2 or more CSF specific oligoclonal bands will now be reported as present.

<b>Reporting</b>	<b>New Criteria</b>	<b>Previous Criteria</b>
<b>Oligoclonal Bands Present</b>	2 or more unique CSF specific oligoclonal bands	4 or more CSF specific oligoclonal bands
<b>Oligoclonal Bands Absent</b>	1 or less	3 or less

Computer Interface Code      **PDM #5300847**

Test Order                              **OLIGO**

**If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at (516) 719-1100.**

#### References

(1)Thompson et al. Lancet Neurol. 2018 Feb;17(2):162-173