



Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,

The information contained here may be very important to your practice. Please take a moment to review this document.

PT and aPTT test code consolidated April 2026

Testing for PT/PTC and aPTT/aPTTH will be consolidated. Previously, separate test codes were used to distinguish routine testing from testing for patients on anticoagulant therapy. Moving forward, one test code will be used, and results will be reported with two reference ranges. See page 2 for details.

Tests Transitioning to Quest Diagnostics April 2026

The following tests have transitioned to Quest Diagnostics. Please see pages 3 and 4 for details.

Test Code	Test Name
HIST2	Histone Antibodies
LEADC	Lead, Capillary
LEADV	Lead, Venous
MYCG	Mycoplasma Antibody, IgG
MYCM	Mycoplasma Antibody, IgM
NMYC2	Mycoplasma Antibodies, IgM & IgG
VARGM	Varicella Antibody, IgM
NICOS	Nicotine (Cotinine)

UTILIZATION GUIDES

PT and aPTT Test Code Consolidation April 2026

We are updating the way certain coagulation tests are ordered and reported in order to simplify test selection and reduce confusion. Previously, separate test codes were used to distinguish routine testing from testing for patients on anticoagulant therapy (e.g., PT vs. PTC and APTT vs. APTTH). As part of this change, these tests will now be consolidated under a single test code for each assay.

Moving forward, one test code will be used, and results will be reported with two reference ranges, one for patients not receiving anticoagulant therapy and one for patients on therapy. This change does not affect test methodology or result interpretation, but it eliminates the need to select different test codes based on therapy status. Providers should continue to document anticoagulant use as clinically appropriate.

Prothrombin Time (PT / PTC) Consolidated into **PT** with therapy and non-therapy reference ranges. Critical alerts will be called to provider when $INR \geq 5$.

Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT / APTTH) Consolidated into **APTT** with therapy and non-therapy reference ranges. Critical alerts will be called to provider when $APTT \geq 120$ seconds.

Updated Test Codes: PT and APTT

Discontinued Test Codes: PTC and APTTH



Patient: **TEST, MAY**
DOB: **04/16/1956** Age: **68** Sex: **F**
MRN: **NLB766399AT**
Billing #: **NLB766399AT**
Order #: **5126000020**

2434 Interstate Plaza Drive
Hammond, IN 46324
1-800-937-5521

Elisabeth Shearon, MD, Medical Director

Location: **TEST - ACL**

Ordering Physician: THOMPSON, MARK
Copy to: THOMPSON, MARK

COAGULATION

Test Name	Result	AB	Ref-Ranges	Units	Site
COLLECTED 03/26/25 15:34					
Specimen:					
Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time					
APTT	120.0	CH	25.0 - 36.0	Sec	N

APTT Therapeutic Range: 65-90 seconds.

ADDRESSES OF PERFORMING LAB LOCATIONS

N, ACL: ALVERNO LABORATORIES, 2434 INTERSTATE PLAZA DRIVE, HAMMOND, IN, 46324,

Tests Transitioning to Quest Diagnostics April 2026

The following laboratory tests will no longer be performed in-house and will instead be referred to Quest Diagnostics, our reference laboratory. If you are unable to order the NEW codes, please submit an order for *UNCODED REFERENCE TEST* and include the Quest ID and CPT. Turnaround times and reference ranges may vary based on Quest's testing protocols. Specimen collection and handling requirements may differ for referred testing. Please refer to our updated Test Directory or contact the laboratory if you have questions regarding ordering, specimen requirements, or result reporting.

Test Name: Nicotine (Cotinine)

New Soft Code: NICOS (replacing NICTS), Quest ID 90642, CPT 80323

Sample Type: Red-top Serum, aliquoted, sent refrigerated. Gel will interfere with assay.

Test Name: Histone Antibodies

Soft Code: HIST2, Quest ID 37056, CPT 83516

Sample Type: Serum, sent refrigerated

Test Name: Mycoplasma Antibody, IgM & IgG

Soft Code: NMYC2, Quest ID 34127, CPT 86738 x2

Sample Type: Serum, sent refrigerated

Test Name: Mycoplasma Antibody, IgG

Soft Code: MYCG, Quest ID 659, CPT 86738

Sample Type: Serum, sent refrigerated

Test Name: Mycoplasma Antibody, IgM

Soft Code: MYCM, Quest ID 21130, CPT 86738

Sample Type: Serum, sent refrigerated

Test Name: Varicella-Zoster Virus antibody, IgM

Soft Code: VARGM, Quest ID 8683, CPT 86787

Sample Type: Serum, sent refrigerated

Lead Testing at Quest Diagnostics April 2026

As part of the transition of lead testing to Quest Diagnostics, there are important changes to test ordering requirements. Previously, a single lead test code could be used for both capillary and venous blood specimens.

Quest requires distinct test codes based on specimen type; therefore, separate orders must now be placed for capillary lead testing and venous lead testing. Please ensure the appropriate test code is selected based on the specimen collected to avoid delays or rejected specimens. If you are unable to order the NEW codes, please submit an order for *UNCODED REFERENCE TEST* and include the Quest ID and CPT.

In addition, **Quest requires complete patient demographic and provider information** for lead testing in accordance with public health reporting requirements. Orders must include the patient's full address, race, and ethnicity, as well as the ordering provider's NPI and practice address. Orders submitted with incomplete information may be delayed.

Test Name: Lead, Capillary

New Soft Code: LEADC (replacing LEAD2), Quest ID 39027, CPT 83655

Sample Type: Capillary blood collected in EDTA (lavender-top), sent refrigerated

Test Name: Lead, Venous

New Soft Code: LEADV (replacing LEAD2), Quest ID 599, CPT 83655

Sample Type: Whole blood collected in a K2 EDTA (tan-top) tube or EDTA (royal blue-top) tube, sent refrigerated