



# Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,

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

## **Quest Test Discontinuations**

**April 2025**

Quest Diagnostics has discontinued testing for four interfaced tests. There are no recommended alternatives. **See page 2 for details.**

## **BK Virus and Epstein-Barr Virus RT-PCR: Quest Updates**

**April 14, 2025**

Changes to the units of measure and acceptable specimens will be implemented for BK Virus and Epstein-Barr Virus real-time PCR testing effective April 14, 2025. **See page 2 for details.**

## **Complement, Total (CH50): Specimen Update**

**April 14, 2025**

Effective April 14, 2025, the frozen stability for Complement, Total (CH50) performed by Quest Diagnostics will decrease from 30 days to 7 days. **See page 3 for details.**

## **Yeast Susceptibility: TAT Update**

**April 14, 2025**

Effective April 14, 2025, yeast susceptibility testing will be performed by the Microbiology Department at Alverno Laboratories, resulting in a faster turnaround time. **See page 3 for details.**

## **Cytomegalovirus, Rapid Culture: Specimen Update**

**April 21, 2025**

Effective April 21, 2025, Quest Diagnostics will no longer accept unpreserved specimens for Cytomegalovirus, Rapid Culture. Non-bone marrow specimens should be collected in VCM (Item #718208). **See page 3 for details.**

## UTILIZATION GUIDES

### Quest Test Discontinuations April 2025

Effective March 10, 2025, Quest Diagnostics discontinued the following tests. There are no recommended alternatives.

Discontinued Tests		
Soft Test Code	Quest Test Code	Test Name
ADEN	686X	Adenovirus Antibody, Serum
ABFLU	7250X	Influenza A and B Antibodies, Serum
INFBM	4440X	Influenza Type B Antibody, Serum
MPCAR	12670	Myocarditis/Pericarditis Panel

### BK Virus and Epstein-Barr Virus RT-PCR: Quest Updates April 14, 2025

Changes to BK Virus and Epstein-Barr Virus real-time PCR tests performed by Quest Diagnostics will be effective April 14, 2025. For all three tests, this includes the unit of measure changing from copies/mL (or log[copies/mL]) to IU/mL (or log[IU/mL]). Additionally, changes to the acceptable specimen types are highlighted in the table below. Please view the collection manual located at [www.AlvernoLabs.com](http://www.AlvernoLabs.com) for full test details.

Soft Code	Quest Test	Name	Rejection Criteria	Acceptable Specimen
BKQU1	16581	BK Virus DNA, Quant, Real-Time PCR, Urine	Neat urine	4.3 mL urine collected in cobas® PCR media tube (Item # 729225)
BKVQ	11274	BK Virus DNA, Quant, Real-Time PCR, Plasma	No other acceptable specimens – including heparinized plasma	2 mL EDTA (lavender) plasma
EBVPC	10186	Epstein-Barr Virus DNA, Quant, Real-Time PCR, Plasma	No other acceptable specimens – including heparinized plasma	2 mL EDTA (lavender) plasma

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### Complement, Total (CH50): Specimen Update April 14, 2025

Effective April 14, 2025, the frozen stability for Complement, Total (CH50) performed by Quest Diagnostics will decrease from 30 days to 7 days. Room temperature and refrigerated storage remain unacceptable. Please send specimen to the Central Laboratory promptly.

### Yeast Susceptibility: TAT Update April 14, 2025

The Microbiology Department of Alverno Laboratories is pleased to announce that susceptibility testing for yeast isolates will be performed in-house beginning April 14, 2025. Previously, this testing had been sent to Quest Diagnostics. Susceptibility results can be expected within 48 hours of yeast isolation, resulting in a faster turnaround time (TAT).

### Cytomegalovirus, Rapid Culture: Specimen Update April 21, 2025

Effective April 21, 2025, Quest Diagnostics will no longer accept unpreserved (raw) specimens for Cytomegalovirus, Rapid Culture (Quest test 842). Please submit all specimens other than bone marrow in VCM (green-top) or equivalent. Bone marrow specimens should continue to be collected in a heparinized tube. Please view the collection manual located at [www.AlvernoLabs.com](http://www.AlvernoLabs.com) for full test details.

**Soft Test Name:** Cytomegalovirus, Rapid Culture

**Soft Test Code:** CMVCR

**Rejection Criteria:** Unpreserved specimens

**Acceptable Specimen Media:** All specimens other than bone marrow should be collected in VCM (Item # 718208). Bone marrow specimens should be collected in a heparinized tube.