

Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,

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

Fecal Occult Blood - Specimen & Analyzer Update December 2023

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Urine Heavy Metal Assays Collection Update December 2023

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COVID Testing Update January 2024

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UTILIZATION GUIDES


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	Old Patient Collection Kit <i>(Will be discontinued)</i>	New Patient Collection Kit
Kit Name	Fit Test- IFOBT (Occult Blood)	PERSONAL USE OC AUTO SENSOR IO KIT
Kit Number	134461	720009

This fecal immunochemical test (FIT) used by Alverno Laboratories is endorsed by the United States Preventive Services Taskforce (USPSTF) and the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) as having the best performance characteristics with proven outcomes data to reduce colorectal cancer mortality. The simple collection process drives high compliance with patient return rates.

Screenshot of Online Supply Order Form

Miscellaneous				
Item Number	Item Description	Qty.	Config	Add to Order
110821	Transfer Tube Polyprop RB Cir 13 X 75 5ml	<input type="text"/>	1000/PK ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
111127	Amber Transfer Tubes (order caps separately #155581)	<input type="text"/>	250/BG ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
115057	Dymo Label Printer 550	<input type="text"/>	EA ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
131593	Glucola 50 gram Orange	<input type="text"/>	6/PK ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
134461	Fit Test- IFOBT (Occult Blood)	<input type="text"/>	20/BX ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
145173	Glucola 75 gram Orange	<input type="text"/>	6/PK ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
154534	Saliva Collection Device (Pain Management)	<input type="text"/>	EA ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
155581	UNIV DARK BLUE CAP PLUG 10-12-13-16MM TUBES	<input type="text"/>	1000/BG ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
170310	Hemocult II Sensa Dispensapak	<input type="text"/>	40/BX ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
175097	Caps for transfer tubes Neutral 13mm	<input type="text"/>	1000/BG ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
193293	Tourniquet Violet LF 1 X 18IN	<input type="text"/>	250/BG ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
28001	Sharps Container Small	<input type="text"/>	EA ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
28005	Sharps Container 2 Gallon	<input type="text"/>	EA ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
460284	Pinworm Paddle	<input type="text"/>	EA ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
61	TAPE SURG PAPER MICROPORE HYPOALL WHT 1 X 10YD	<input type="text"/>	EA ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
69362	Glucola 100 gram Orange	<input type="text"/>	6/PK ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
714137	DRUG OF ABUSE TEST WITH ADULTERANTS T CUP (only for acct's 6519 and 6355)	<input type="text"/>	EA/1 ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
715608	Blood Bank Transfer Pipettes	<input type="text"/>	500/BX ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
720009	 PERSONAL USE OC AUTO SENSOR IO KIT	<input type="text"/>	EA ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
Micro	Scabies Kit	<input type="text"/>	EA ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staples #848159	Histo Cooler Zip ties 14in (46-315M)	<input type="text"/>	PK ▼	<input type="checkbox"/>

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ST08 Vial, Transfer, 50ML Trace Element, with yellow label.

SOFT ID	TEST NAME
AL24U	Aluminum, 24-Hour Urine without Creatinine
ALURU	Aluminum, Random Urine
AR24U	Arsenic, 24-Hour Urine
ARSRU	Arsenic, Urine
CD24U	Cadmium, 24-Hour Urine
CDMRU	Cadmium, Random Urine
CH24U	Chromium, 24 Hr. Urine
CHMRU	Chromium, Urine
CPU24	Copper, 24-Hour Urine with Creatinine
UCOPR	Copper, Random Urine
HM24C	Heavy Metals 24-Hour Urine with Cadmium
HMCPU	Heavy Metals Comprehensive Panel, Urine
LED24	LEAD, 24-HOUR URINE
LEDRU	Lead, Urine
MANRU	Manganese, Random Urine
MERC2	Mercury, 24-Hour Urine
MERCU	Mercury, Random Urine
ZINC2	Zinc, 24-Hour Urine
ZINRU	Zinc, Random Urine

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Inactivated Test: COVG1 - COVID 19 Anti-Nucleocapsid IgG, Qualitative (Infection)

New Test Code & Name: Quest 39749 – SARS-CoV-2 Antibody (IgG), Nucleocapsid, Qual

Soft Code: UNCMS – Uncoded Quest Referred

Specimen Type/Source/Temp: Serum/Refrigerated

CPT: 86769

Inactivated Test: CO19D – COVID-19 Discharge Planning PCR

Inactivated Test: CO19N – COVID-19 Asymptomatic Screen PCR

Replacement Test Soft Code: None