

# Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,

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

## **Urine Drug Monitoring via Quest: Test Updates December 2024**

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## **AFB Collection Bottle: Supply Update December 2024**

The glass collection bottles for AFB (acid fast bacilli) cultures will no longer be available from the vendor. An alternative plastic specimen collection bottle has been validated and is available for ordering. **See page 2 for details.**

## **Cystic Fibrosis Sputum Culture: New Offering December 2024**

The Microbiology Department at Alverno Laboratories is pleased to offer a new Cystic Fibrosis Sputum Culture. **See page 3 for details.**

## **Reactivation of Quest Tests December 2024**

Quest Diagnostics has reactivated tests for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* antibody (IgG) for 12, 14, and 23 serotypes. **See page 3 for details.**

## **Thyroglobulin & Thyroglobulin Antibody: Test Update December 2024**

Testing for thyroglobulin and thyroglobulin antibody is now being performed with a new assay formulation that has remediated biotin interference. **See page 3 for details.**

## **Alverno 2025 CPT Codes Updates January 2025**

The American Medical Association (AMA) has made Current Procedural Terminology CPT® code changes to the 2025 edition of the CPT. Alverno will be implementing these changes effective January 1, 2025. **See page 4 for details.**

## Urine Drug Monitoring via Quest: Test Updates December 2024

The replacement test for the previously discontinued synthetic cannabinoid urine drug monitoring test performed at Quest Diagnostics is now interfaced and includes additional novel psychoactive substances. Please see below for further information. Full details can be found in the online Collection Manual located at [www.AlvernoLabs.com](http://www.AlvernoLabs.com).

**Inactivated Test: SYNCC – Drug Monitoring, Synthetic Cannabinoids with Confirmation, Urine**

**Replacement Quest Test Code:** 13086

**Replacement Quest Name:** Drug Monitoring, Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS), Qualitative, Urine

**Soft Code:** NPSQU

**Specimen Type:** 3 mL urine collected in a plastic urine container

**Transport Temperature:** Refrigerated

**CPT:** 80346, 80352, 80354, 80364, 80371, 80375

**Includes:**

- Designer benzodiazepines
- Designer fentanyl analogs
- Designer opioids
- Designer stimulants
- Synthetic cannabinoids
- Other illicit additives

## AFB Collection Bottle: Supply Update December 2024

For AFB (acid fast bacilli) cultures, the vendor will no longer be supplying the glass collection bottles. An alternative plastic specimen collection bottle has been validated and is available to order via Workday and the Supply Request form located at [www.AlvernoLabs.com](http://www.AlvernoLabs.com). Please see below for ordering information.

**Discontinued Item:** 154216 – Culture Vials Bactec Myco F Lytic

**Replacement Item:** 727901 – Medium Culture Bactec Myco F Lytic Plstc

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### Cystic Fibrosis Sputum Culture: New Offering December 2024

Alverno Laboratories is pleased to offer a new Cystic Fibrosis Sputum Culture in December 2024. In addition to routine bacterial culture plates, this test will also include media for the selection of *Burkholderia cepacia* as well as a MRSA/MSSA screening plate. Please see below for additional details.

**Soft Code:** CFSPU

**Soft Test Name:** Cystic Fibrosis Sputum Culture

**Preferred Specimen:** Sputum, bronchial aspirate/washing, sinus aspirate, bronchoalveolar lavage, endotracheal or tracheal specimen collected in a sterile container from a cystic fibrosis patient

**Other Acceptable Specimens:** Deep pharyngeal swab

**Stability:** 2 hours at 15-30°C or 24 hours at 2-8°C

**Transport:** Refrigerated

### Reactivation of Quest Tests December 2024

Quest Diagnostics has reactivated the following tests:

- 12SPN – Streptococcus pneumoniae Antibody IgG (12 Serotypes), MAID
- 14SPN – Streptococcus pneumoniae Antibody IgG (14 Serotypes), MAID
- 23SPN – Streptococcus pneumoniae Antibody IgG (23 Serotypes), MAID

It is no longer necessary to order these as UNCMS. Please view the online Collection Manual available at [www.AlvernoLabs.com](http://www.AlvernoLabs.com).

### Thyroglobulin & Thyroglobulin Antibody: Test Update December 2024

Alverno Laboratories has recently begun testing of thyroglobulin and thyroglobulin antibody with a new assay formulation that has remediated biotin interference. The affected Soft test codes are TYHEM and THGMN.

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## Alverno 2025 CPT Code Updates January 2025

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Alverno Test	2024 CPT	2025 CPT Updates	CPT Code Long Description	Performing Lab
<b>HPVGN: HPV, High Risk DNA with genotypes 16 and 18</b> Note: Test Build update coming early 2025	87624	<b>87626 (new)</b>	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Human Papillomavirus (HPV), separately reported high-risk types (eg, 16, 18, 31, 45, 51, 52) and high-risk pooled result(s)	Alverno
<b>23SPN: Streptococcus pneumoniae Ab (IgG) (23 Serotypes), MAID</b>	86317 x23	<b>86581 (new)</b>	Streptococcus pneumoniae antibody (IgG), serotypes, multiplex immunoassay, quantitative	Quest
<b>14SPN: Streptococcus pneumoniae Ab (IgG) (14 Serotypes)</b>	86317 x14	<b>86581 (new)</b>	Streptococcus pneumoniae antibody (IgG), serotypes, multiplex immunoassay, quantitative	Quest
<b>12SPN: Streptococcus pneumoniae Ab (IgG) (12 Serotypes)</b>	86317 x12	<b>86581 (new)</b>	Streptococcus pneumoniae antibody (IgG), serotypes, multiplex immunoassay, quantitative	Quest
<b>PJIRP: Pneumocystis jirovecii by PCR</b>	87798	<b>87594 (new)</b>	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Pneumocystis jirovecii, amplified probe technique	Quest
<b>MTRIF</b> (Micro billing charge. Not orderable test)	87556; 87798	<b>87564 (new)</b>	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Mycobacterium tuberculosis, rifampin resistance, amplified probe technique	Alverno
<b>BFPAN: Respiratory Panel by PCR</b>	87633; 87798 x2; 87486; 87581	<b>0202U</b>	Infectious disease (bacterial or viral respiratory tract infection), pathogen-specific nucleic acid (dna or rna), 22 targets including severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2), qualitative rt-pcr, nasopharyngeal swab, each pathogen reported as detected or not detected	Alverno
<b>MTRPC: M. Tuberculosis &amp; Rifampin Res. Culture/PCR, Sputum</b> CPT 87801 replaced with 87564	87015, 87116, 87206, <b>87801 (replaced)</b>	<b>87564 (new), 87015, 87116, 87206</b>	Quest Test: Mycobacterium tuberculosis Complex, Rifampin Resistance, Culture/PCR Sputum	Quest
<b>HBCP: Hereditary Breast Cancer Panel</b> CPT 81433 has been deleted	81432, <b>81433 (deleted)</b>	<b>81432</b>	Hereditary Breast Cancer Panel	Quest

**Note:** The CPT codes provided are based on AMA guidelines and are for informational purposes only. CPT coding is the sole responsibility of the billing party. Please direct any questions regarding coding to the payer being billed.

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