

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 Updates: COVID Antibody Testing July 15, 2024

Effective July 15, 2024, Quest will be discontinuing two COVID antibody tests. **See page 2 for replacement details.**

Quest Test Updates: Microsporidia Exam July 22, 2024

Effective July 22, 2024, Quest will no longer accept urine, CSF, bronchoalveolar lavage, or corneal scrapings as specimens for microsporidia exam. The only acceptable specimens will be stool and duodenal aspirates. **See page 3 for details.**

Quest Test Updates: Borrelia Species by RT-PCR, Qualitative July 29, 2024

Effective July 29, 2024, Quest will no longer accept whole blood collected in ACD (yellow-top) tubes for qualitative assessment of Borrelia species by RT-PCR. **See page 3 for details.**

Pre-Analytical Test Information: Creatinine Clearance & 24h Urine Testing July 2024

Information must be entered in a standardized manner for creatinine clearance and 24h urine testing. Only whole numbers should be entered. **See page 4 for details.**

Quest Test Updates: COVID Antibody Testing July 15, 2024

Effective July 15, 2024, Quest will discontinue two COVID antibody tests. Please see below for additional details regarding replacement tests, which should be ordered as UNCMS.

Inactivated Test: #34499: SARS-CoV-2 Antibody (IgG), Spike, Semi-Quantitative

Replacement Soft Code: UNCMS

Replacement Quest Code: 39820

Replacement Quest Name: SARS-CoV-2 Total Antibody, Spike, Semi-Quantitative

Preferred Specimen: 1 mL serum (0.5 mL minimum)

Stability: Refrigerated – 7 days

Transport: Refrigerated

Inactivated Test: #31672: SARS-CoV-2 Antibodies (IgG nucleocapsid IgG, IgM spike), Qualitative

Replacement Soft Code: UNCMS

Replacement Quest Code: 39749

Replacement Quest Name: SARS-CoV-2 Antibody (IgG), Nucleocapsid, Qualitative

Preferred Specimen: 1 mL serum (0.5 mL minimum)

Stability: Refrigerated – 7 days

Transport: Refrigerated

UTILIZATION GUIDES

Quest Test Updates: Microsporidia Exam July 22, 2024

Effective July 22, 2024, Quest will no longer accept urine, CSF, bronchoalveolar lavage, or corneal scrapings as specimens for microsporidia exam. The only acceptable specimens will be stool and duodenal aspirates. Please see table below for additional details.

Soft Test	Quest Test	Acceptable Specimens	Unacceptable Specimens
MICEX	5676	Preferred: 5g or 5mL stool Alternative: Duodenal aspirate For Both: Submit in 10% formalin container or Total-Fix [®] transport vial	Urine CSF BAL Corneal Scrapings

Quest Test Updates: Borrelia Species by RT-PCR, Qualitative July 29, 2024

Effective July 29, 2024, Quest will no longer accept whole blood collected in ACD (yellow-top) tubes for qualitative assessment of Borrelia species by RT-PCR. Please see below for additional details.

Soft Code: LYPCR

Quest Code: 15777

Preferred Specimen: 1 mL (0.5 mL minimum) whole blood collected in EDTA (lavender-top) tube or synovial fluid or CSF collected in a sterile, leak-proof container

Other Acceptable Specimens: None

Patient Preparation: None

Stability: Refrigerated – 7 days

Transport: Refrigerated

Pre-Analytical Test Information: Creatinine Clearance & 24h Urine Testing July 2024

When orders are placed for Creatinine Clearance, Urine or for any specimens where 24h urine specimens are collected, it is imperative that pre-analytical variables are entered upon order entry in a standardized manner. Please see below for full details. **If pre-analytical variables are not entered using this format, an incorrect result may be reported.**

Variable	Unit of Measure
Patient height	Inches
Patient weight	Pounds
Total volume for 24h urine	Milliliters (mL)

Only whole numbers should be entered. Do not enter any punctuation or letters.