



Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,

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

Mycoplasma & Ureaplasma Culture Test Update

June 30, 2025

The Soft code for *Mycoplasma hominis*/Ureaplasma Culture has changed from URMHC to MHURC. **See page 2 for details.**

Quest Diagnostics Test Discontinuations

July 2025

Effective immediately, several Quest Diagnostics are discontinued. Replacement Quest tests must be ordered as UNCMS. **See page 2 for details.**

T3 Uptake Test Change

July 2025

Alverno Laboratories will permanently refer T3 uptake testing to our reference lab, Quest Diagnostics, due to the manufacturer discontinuing the reagent. There are no changes to the orderable Soft code, specimen type, or transport temperature. **See page 3 for details.**

HPV by PCR Testing Update

July 21, 2025

Alverno Laboratories is transitioning PCR testing of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) to the Abbott Alinity m platform on or about July 21, 2025. This qualitative assay will detect 14 HPV high-risk HPV genotypes and differentiate HPV16, HPV18, and HPV45 from the other genotypes. **See page 3 for details.**

UTILIZATION GUIDES

Mycoplasma & Ureaplasma Culture Test Update June 30, 2025

Effective June 30, 2025, the Soft code for *Mycoplasma hominis/Ureaplasma* Culture, performed by Quest Diagnostics, has changed. There are no changes to specimen types, sources, or transport temperature. Please see below for additional information.

Test Name: *Mycoplasma hominis/Ureaplasma* Culture

Discontinued Soft Code: URMHC

Replacement Soft Code: MHURC

Quest Diagnostics Test Discontinuations July 2025

Effective immediately, the following Quest Diagnostics tests are being discontinued. Replacement Quest tests must be ordered as UNCMS. Please see below for additional information.

Discontinued Quest Test: 92746 – HLA-B 1502 w/ reflex HLA-B High

Discontinued Soft Code: HLB15

Replacement Quest Test: 12341 – HLA-B*15:02 Determination

Soft Code: UNCMS – Uncoded Quest Referred

Specimen Type/Source/Temp: 5 mL whole blood collected in an EDTA (lavender-top) tube. Send refrigerated

CPT: 81381

Discontinued Quest Test: 92549 – Narcolepsy HLA-QDB1

Discontinued Soft Code: HLANC

Replacement Quest Test: 12342 – HLA-DQ Typing for Narcolepsy

Soft Code: UNCMS – Uncoded Quest Referred

Specimen Type/Source/Temp: 5 mL whole blood collected in an EDTA (lavender-top) tube. Send refrigerated

CPT: 81381

Discontinued Quest Test: 5390 – Oxalate, Serum/Plasma

Discontinued Soft Code: OXALP

Replacement Quest Test: 16345 – Oxalate, Serum/Plasma

Soft Code: UNCMS – Uncoded Quest Referred

Specimen Type/Source/Temp: 2 mL serum collected in a red-top tube (no gel) or plasma collected in a sodium heparin (green-top) tube. Promptly centrifuge with refrigeration to separate serum or plasma from cells. Place into chilled plastic screw capped vial. Freeze immediately and send to Central Lab frozen.

CPT: 83945

UTILIZATION GUIDES

T3 Uptake Test Change July 2025

Alverno Laboratories will permanently refer all T3 Uptake testing to our reference lab, Quest Diagnostics, due to the manufacturer discontinuing the reagent. **Importantly, there are no changes to the orderable Soft code, specimen type, or transport temperature.** Sample stability is also extended with this change in performing lab.

Discontinued Performing Laboratory: Alverno Laboratories

Replacement Performing Laboratory: Quest Diagnostics (#861 – T3 Uptake)

Soft Code/Name: TUP – T3 Uptake

Specimen Type: Gold-top SST

Transport Temperature: Refrigerated

HPV by PCR Testing Update July 21, 2025

Alverno Laboratories is pleased to announce that testing for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) by PCR is transitioning to the Abbott Alinity m platform on or about **July 21, 2025**.

This qualitative assay can delineate three specific HPV genotypes: HPV16, HPV18, and HPV45. Additionally, multiple other high-risk genotypes are also detected and reported in two groups of “Other”: Other A and Other B. There is no change in specimen collection, stability, or transport to the Central Laboratory. Please see below for additional details.

	Current Test	New Test - Arriving Soon
Soft Code	HPVGN	HPVAL
Test Name	HPV High Risk DNA	HPV High Risk by PCR, ThinPrep
Genotypes Identified & Differentiated	HPV16 HPV18 Other (31/33/35/39/45/51/52/56/58/59/66/68)	HPV16 HPV18 HPV45 Other A (31/33/52/58) Other B (35/39/51/56/59/66/68)