

Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,

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

Extended Urine Drug Confirmation Panel

April 2024

Extended urine drug confirmation panel updated job aid. **See page 2 for details.**

New Website Launch

May 2024

Alverno Laboratories is pleased to officially announce that our new and improved website is officially live. **See page 2 for details.**

New Quest Test Updates

May 2024

The following test offering is now available for ordering in Soft Lab and Atlas LIS systems:

- PRIOD - Prion Disease, 14-3-3 Protein, CSF – Quest code 37989

See page 3 for details.

Discontinued Quest Test Updates

May 24, 2024

Alverno will be discontinuing the following tests effective May 24, 2024:

- COVGA – COVID anti-spike IgG, Qual (inf/vacc/mAB)
- COVMA – COVID anti-spike IgM, Qual (inf/vacc)

See page 3 for details.

Methylmalonic Acid Update

June 24, 2024

Effective June 24, 2024, Quest will be updating the reference range for Methylmalonic Acid testing. **See page 4 for details.**

Quest Specimen Stability Update

June 24, 2024

Effective June 24, 2024, Quest has updated the following tests for alternate acceptable specimen types. **See pages 5-6 for details.**

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Extended Urine Drug Confirmation Panel April 2024



ORDER # 353447



ORDER # 89792

Extended Urine Drug Confirmation Panel

Alverno Test Code: EUDCP

Minimum Volume: 15mL

Preferred Specimen: **Do not send a single cup.** Aliquot urine into one (1) Full 10mL tube and one (1) 6mL no-additive vacutainer tube (Urine Chemistry tube) and note the total volume.

New Website Launch May 2024

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- A new 'fast topic' menu on the Alverno homepage that will allow you to select your role, prepopulating commonly searched features
- A 'super' menu dropdown of healthcare professional information that has clearly outlined tasks and placement of information
- Once on a specific website landing page, there will be a navigation menu on the side of the screen, making it easier to navigate between website pages without having to go back to the top of the page.
- Previews of documents, making form selection easier by avoiding the use of bulleted links
- An emergency alert section dedicated to critical information
- And more!

UTILIZATION GUIDES

New Quest Test Updates May 2024

The following test offering is now available for ordering in Soft Lab and Atlas LIS systems:

- PRIOD - Prion Disease, 14-3-3 Protein, CSF – Quest code 37989

Please review the test details below.

Specimen Requirements:

Preferred Specimen: 5mL CSF (2mL min)

Other Acceptable Specimens: None

Patient Preparation: None

Stability: Room Temperature – 24 hours, refrigerated – 14 days, frozen - indefinitely

Transport: Frozen

SOFT Code: PRIOD

Discontinued Quest Test Updates May 24, 2024

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- COVGA – COVID anti-spike IgG, Qual (inf/vacc/mAB)
- COVMA – COVID anti-spike IgM, Qual (inf/vacc)

Inactivated Test: COVGA – COVID anti-spike IgG, Qual (inf/vacc/mAB)

New Test Code & Name: Quest 34499 – SARS-CoV-2 Antibody (IgG), Spike, Semi-Quantitative

Soft Code: UNCMS

Specimen Type/Source/Temp: 1mL serum/refrigerated

CPT: 86769

Inactivated Test: COVMA – COVID anti-spike IgM, Qual (inf/vacc)

New Test Code & Name: Quest 31672 – SARS-CoV-2 Antibodies (IgG Nucleocapsid, IgM Spike), Qualitative

Soft Code: UNCMS

Specimen Type/Source/Temp: 1mL serum/refrigerated

CPT: 86769 (x2)

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Methylmalonic Acid Update June 24, 2024

Effective June 24, 2024, Quest will be updating the reference range for Methylmalonic Acid testing. Please review the updates below.

SOFT Code: MALON

Old Reference Range	New Reference Range
All ages: 87 – 318 nmol/L	< 30 days: 87- 580 nmol/L 31 days – 11 months: 62 – 377 nmol/L 13 – 23 months: 55 – 347 nmol/L 2 – 59 years: 55 – 335 nmol/L 60 – 79 years: 69 – 390 nmol/L ≥ 80 years: 85 – 423 nmol/L

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Quest Specimen Stability Update June 24, 2024

Effective June 24, 2024, Quest has updated the following tests for alternate acceptable specimen types. Please review the test information below.

Specimen Requirements:

Preferred Specimen: Unopened whole blood collected in fluoride oxalate (gray-top) tube

Other Acceptable Specimens: Whole blood in EDTA (lavender-top) tube or sodium heparin (green-top) tube OR Serum collected in red-top tube (no gel) OR Plasma collected in EDTA, sodium heparin (no-gel) or potassium oxalate (gray-top) tube.

Patient Preparation: None

Stability: Room Temperature and Refrigerated – 14 days

Transport: Room Temperature

SOFT Code: ISOPP

Specimen Requirements:

Preferred Specimen: Whole blood collected in sodium fluoride or fluoride oxalate (gray-top) tube

Other Acceptable Specimens: Whole blood collected in EDTA (lavender-top) tube, sodium or lithium heparin (green-top) tube OR Plasma collected in EDTA, sodium or lithium heparin tube OR Serum collected in a red-top tube (no gel)

Patient Preparation: Do not use alcohol solutions as a skin preparation for drawing specimens. Use non-alcohol solutions such as Betadine® or Zephiran®.

Stability: Room Temperature and Refrigerated – 14 days

Transport: Room Temperature

SOFT Code: AMETH

Specimen Requirements:

Preferred Specimen: 1mL of whole blood or plasma collected in EDTA (lavender-top) tube, serum, CSF, or > 3 mm³ of fresh tissue submitted in a sterile plastic leak-free container.

Other Acceptable Specimens: Bronchoalveolar lavage collected in a sterile, plastic, leak-proof container

Patient Preparation: None

Stability: Whole blood and other specimens room temperature – 48 hours; whole blood and other specimens refrigerated – 8 days; other specimens frozen – 30 days, whole blood - unacceptable

Transport: Refrigerated; Tissue - Frozen

SOFT Code: EBQL

UTILIZATION GUIDES

Specimen Requirements:

Preferred Specimen: 1mL of whole blood or plasma collected in EDTA (lavender-top) tube, serum, CSF, or > 3 mm³ of fresh tissue submitted in a sterile plastic leak-free container.

Other Acceptable Specimens: Body fluids (amniotic fluid, ocular fluid), lower respiratory specimens (BAL, bronchial wash, tracheal secretions) collected in a sterile, plastic, leak-proof container

Patient Preparation: None

Stability: Whole blood and other specimens room temperature – 48 hours; whole blood and other specimens refrigerated – 8 days; other specimens frozen – 30 days, whole blood - unacceptable

Transport: Refrigerated; Tissue - Frozen

SOFT Code: EBVPC