



# Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,

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

## **Beta-2 Transferrin, Body Fluid Testing May 2025**

Beta-2 Transferrin, Body Fluid testing performed by Quest Diagnostics (Quest test 10640) is available under the Soft test code BETT. **See page 2 for details.**

## **Hepatitis C Genotype Testing May 2025**

The concurrent Hepatitis C viral load level is increasing to  $\geq 2,000$  IU/mL as a specimen requirement for the Hepatitis C viral RNA genotype test offered by Quest Diagnostics effective May 19, 2025. **See page 2 for details.**

## **Allergen Panel and IgE Testing May 2025**

If an allergen panel includes Total IgE, it is not necessary to order this test (Soft code IGE) separately. **See page 3 for details.**

## **Hepatitis Acute Panel Testing May 2025**

The Soft test code FRHEP (Hepatitis Acute Panel, St. Francis) will be discontinued. The same hepatitis results can be obtained by ordering two Soft codes together: HEPAC (Hepatitis Panel, Acute) and HBSAB (Hepatitis B surface antibody, total). **See page 4 for details.**

## **HPV by PCR Testing Update May 2025**

Alverno Laboratories is expecting to transition PCR testing of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) to the Abbott Alinity m instrument in July 2025. This qualitative assay will be able to detect 14 HPV high-risk HPV genotypes and will differentiate HPV16, HPV18, and HPV45 from the other genotypes. **See page 5 for details.**

## UTILIZATION GUIDES

### Beta-2 Transferrin, Body Fluid Testing May 2025

Beta-2 Transferrin, Body Fluid testing performed by Quest Diagnostics (Quest test 10640) is available under the Soft test code BETT. Please note that this Quest test was previously orderable under the Soft test code BET2T.

**Quest Test Number/Name:** 10640 – Beta-2 Transferrin, Body Fluid

**Old Soft Orderable Code:** BET2T

**Replacement Soft Orderable Code:** BETT

### Hepatitis C Genotype Testing May 2025

Effective May 19, 2025, the minimum concurrent Hepatitis C viral (HCV) load level is increasing as a specimen requirement for the Hepatitis C viral RNA genotype test offered by Quest Diagnostics. A concurrent patient HCV viral load of  $\geq 2,000$  IU/mL is required for this test.

**Quest Test Number/Name:** 37811 – Hepatitis C viral RNA, Genotype, LiPA

**Soft Code:** HCHRG

**Retired Concurrent HCV Viral Load:**  $\geq 300$  IU/mL

**Replacement Concurrent HCV Viral Load:**  $\geq 2,000$  IU/mL

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### Allergen Panel and IgE Testing May 2025

Many allergen panels offered by Alverno Laboratories include Total IgE levels. It is not necessary to order Total IgE (Soft code IGE) separately. Please see the table below for a list of allergen panels that include Total IgE.

Allergen Panels That Include Total IgE	
Soft Code	Allergen Panel
AGMWA	Allergen profile Midwestern Panel A
AGMWB	Allergen profile Midwestern Panel B
AGRS5	Allergen profile respiratory V
AGRS8	Allergen profile respiratory VIII
AGCHL	Allergen profile childhood food & environment
AGCHR	Allergen profile childhood food & environment with reflex
AGMFP	Allergen profile major food

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**Discontinued Test Name:** Hepatitis Acute Panel, St. Francis

**Discontinued Soft Code:** FRHEP

#### Suggested Replacements to Order Together

<b>Soft Code:</b> HEPAC	<b>Soft Code:</b> HBSAB
<b>Soft Name:</b> Hepatitis panel, acute	<b>Soft Name:</b> Hepatitis B surface antibody, total
<b>CPT:</b> 80074	<b>CPT:</b> 86706
<b>Includes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hepatitis A antibody, IgM</li><li>• Hepatitis B surface antigen</li><li>• Hepatitis B core antibody, IgM</li><li>• Hepatitis C antibody, IgG screen</li></ul>	

**Specimen Type/Source/Temp for HEPAC and HBSAB:** 2 mL serum in a gold top tube (serum separator). Send refrigerated.

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### HPV by PCR Testing Update May 2025

Alverno Laboratories is pleased to announce that testing for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) by PCR is anticipated to transition to the Abbott Alinity m instrument in July 2025. The specific date will be published prior to the transition.

This qualitative assay will be able to detect and differentiate three HPV genotypes: HPV16, HPV18, and HPV45. In addition, several other high-risk genotypes will be 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)