



Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,

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

Testosterone Free, Calculation Specimen Update November 2025

Effective immediately, the collection and processing of Testosterone Free, Calculation blood testing is updated. See page 2 for details.

Microsporidia Exam Testing Update November 2025

Effective November 5, 2025 the Microsporidia Exam performed by Quest Diagnostics will be available as an interfaced test using Soft test code MICSP. See page 2 for details.

Cystic Fibrosis Sputum Culture Testing Update November 2025

Effective November 28, 2025, Cystic Fibrosis Sputum Cultures will be permanently referred to Mayo Clinic Laboratories. **Due to the short specimen stability, it will be necessary to coordinate collection and receipt of the specimen at the Central Laboratory.** See page 3 for details.

UTILIZATION GUIDES

Testosterone Free, Calculation Specimen Update November 2025

Effective immediately, the collection and processing of Testosterone Free, Calculation blood testing performed by Quest Diagnostics is updated. To ensure sufficient volume for testing, it is necessary to draw two red-top serum tubes. Please see below for additional information.

Quest Test: 18944 – Testosterone Free, Calculation

Soft Code: FTEST

Instructions: Draw two red-top tubes. After clotting and centrifugation, immediately transfer serum from both into a single transport tube.

Transport Temp: Refrigerated

Microsporidia Exam Testing Update November 5, 2025

Effective November 5, 2025 the Microsporidia Exam performed by Quest Diagnostics will be available as an interfaced test using Soft test code MICSP. This test was previously interfaced under Soft test code MICEX. There are no changes in specimen, transport temperature, nor stability. Please see below for additional information.

Quest Test: 3562 – Microsporidia Exam

Discontinued Soft Code: MICEX

Replacement Soft Code: MICSP

Specimen Type/Temp: 5 g or 5 mL stool collected in a sterile screw-cap container with 10% formalin or in a Total Fix® transport vial. Send refrigerated.

CPT: 87207

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Cystic Fibrosis Sputum Testing Update November 2025

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Discontinued Soft Code/Test: CFSPU – Culture, Sputum Cystic Fibrosis

Replacement Mayo Test: CFRC – Bacterial Culture, Cystic Fibrosis, Respiratory

Soft Code: UNCMS – Uncoded Quest Referred

Specimen Type/Source/Temp: Sputum (expectorated or induced) collected in a sterile container. Send refrigerated.

CPT: 87070

Instructions:

- Specimens may only be collected Monday through Thursday.
- On the day of collection:
 - Before 11 am: Call the Reference Department at the Central Laboratory at 219-803-4744 to notify them that a cystic fibrosis sputum culture will be arriving.
 - Specimens must be received at the Central Laboratory by 12 pm (noon) on the day of collection. Arrange for a STAT courier to deliver specimens.