

# 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 Update: Amylase Isoenzyme**

**August 26, 2024**

Effective 8/26/2024, Quest will no longer accept serum specimens (SST tube) for amylase isoenzyme testing. **See page 2 for details.**

## **HPV Rectal Ordering Clarification**

**September 2024**

Alverno Laboratories will be replacing the testing for rectal HPV molecular testing offered through Quest Diagnostics to include a more comprehensive assessment of HPV nucleic acids. Test HPVRE will be replacing HPVVAR as the *orderable test*. HPVVAR will auto-reflex if HPVRE is positive. **See page 2 for details.**

## **Clarification of Bile Acid Testing**

**September 2024**

Alverno Laboratories offers 3 distinct tests for Bile Acid testing via Quest Diagnostics. *Importantly, for pregnant patients Soft code BILAC can be used to screen for obstetric cholestasis. For a more comprehensive test for pregnant patients, including fractionated and total bile acids, consider Soft code BILEP.* **See page 3 for details.**

## UTILIZATION GUIDES

### Quest Test Update: Amylase Isoenzyme August 26, 2024

Effective 8/26/2024, Quest will no longer accept serum specimens (SST tube) for amylase isoenzyme testing. Please see below for additional details.

**Soft Code:** AMYIS

**Quest Code:** 845

**Preferred Specimen:** 1 mL (0.5 mL minimum) plasma collected in a lithium heparin (green-top) tube

**Other Acceptable Specimens:** Plasma collected in sodium heparin (green-top) or EDTA (lavender-top) tube

**Stability:** Refrigerated – 14 days

**Transport:** Refrigerated

### HPV Rectal Ordering Clarification September 2024

Alverno Laboratories recently announced that we will be replacing the testing for rectal HPV molecular testing offered through Quest Diagnostics to include a more comprehensive assessment of HPV nucleic acids.

To further clarify:

- Test HPVRE will be replacing HPVVAR as the *orderable test*.
- However, HPVVAR will auto-reflex if HPVRE is positive. Please see the table below for additional details.

Soft Test Code	Quest Test Code	Test Name	Note
HPVAR	92807	HPV Genotypes 16, 18/45, Anal-Rectal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is not individually orderable</li><li>• Will reflex automatically if HPVRE is positive</li></ul>
HPVRE	92810	HPV mRNA E6/E7, Rectal with Reflex to Genotypes 16, 18/45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individually orderable</li><li>• If positive, HPVVAR will auto-reflex.</li></ul>

There are no changes to the preferred specimen, collection instructions, transport temperature, stability, or methodology. Full details can be found in the Alverno Collection Manual.

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Soft Test Code	Quest Test Code	Test Name	Methodology	Expected TAT from Receipt at Alverno Core Lab	Note
BILAC	14801	Bile Acids, Total, Enzymatic	Enzymatic	2-4 days	Can be used to <b>screen</b> pregnant women for obstetric cholestasis.
BILEP	19546	Bile Acids, Fractionated and Total, Pregnancy	Chromatography/ Mass Spectrometry	7-9 days	Reference range specific for pregnant patients.
BILFT	116992	Bile Acids, Fractionated and Total	Chromatography/ Mass Spectrometry	7-9 days	