



# Test Bulletin



Dear Healthcare Provider,

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

## **Urine Catecholamine Testing Specimen Update September 2025**

Effective immediately, urine specimens for catecholamine testing should be frozen immediately after collection. See page 2 for details.

## **Aluminum Specimen Update September 2025**

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

## **JC Virus Antibody Testing Update September 2025**

When ordering Quest Diagnostics test 91665, STRATIFY JCV® DxSelect™ Antibody with Reflex to Inhibition, it is necessary to **indicate if the patient is receiving natalizumab therapy**. See page 2 for details.

## **Allergen Profile 51 Specimen Update September 2025**

Effective immediately, please send 3 full 7mL gold-top tubes for the Allergen Profile 51 test performed at Alverno's Central Laboratory. See page 3 for details.

## **Quest Diagnostics Test Discontinuations September 2025**

Effective immediately, several tests performed by Quest Diagnostics are discontinued. Replacement Quest tests, if available, must be ordered as UNCMS. See page 3 for details.

## UTILIZATION GUIDES

### Urine Catecholamine Testing Specimen Update September 2025

Effective immediately, urine specimens for catecholamine testing should be frozen immediately after collection. Send to the Central Laboratory frozen. Please see below for affected test codes.

- **Soft Code:** CATFU
  - **Quest Test:** 5244
  - **Test Name:** Catecholamines, Fractionated, Random Urine
- **Soft Code:** UCATX
  - **Quest Test:** 39627
  - **Test Name:** Catecholamines, Fractionated, 24-Hour Urine with Creatinine

### Aluminum Specimen Update September 2025

Effective immediately, the collection and processing of aluminum blood testing is updated. It is no longer necessary to draw a discard tube prior to sample collection. Additionally, serum or plasma must be poured off into a metal-free vial. Importantly, specimens received directly in royal blue-top tubes will be rejected. Please see below for additional information.

**Quest Test:** 2958 – Aluminum

**Soft Code:** ALUM

**Instructions:** Draw one royal blue-top tube. Allow to clot in an upright position. Centrifuge and pour off (do not pipette) the serum or plasma into a metal-free vial.

**Quest Metal-free Vial Supply Product ID/Name:** ST06 – Vial, Trace Element, Serum w/ Red Label

**Transport Temp:** Refrigerated

### JC Virus Antibody Testing Update September 2025

When ordering Quest Diagnostics test 91665, STRATIFY JCV® DxSelect™ Antibody with Reflex to Inhibition, it is necessary to indicate if the patient is receiving natalizumab therapy. This test is orderable under Soft test code JCVST, which will prompt for this information when the order is placed.

## UTILIZATION GUIDES

### Allergen Profile 51 Specimen Update September 2025

Effective immediately, please send three (3) full 7mL gold-top tubes for the Allergen Profile 51 test performed at Alverno's Central Laboratory. This test requires a high volume of serum to complete testing. Sending three full tubes will decrease the incidence of QNS (quantity not sufficient) rejections.

- **Soft Code:** AG51P
- **Test Name:** Allergen Profile 51
- **Specimen Type:** Three (3) full 7mL gold-top (gel separator) tubes

### Quest Diagnostics Test Discontinuations September 2025

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

**Discontinued Quest Test:** 94646 – Anti-PM/Scl-100 Ab

**Discontinued Soft Code:** PMSCL

**Replacement Quest Test:** 16105 – PM/Scl-100 Antibody, IgG by Immunoblot

**Soft Code:** UNCMS – Uncoded Quest Referred

**Specimen Type/Source/Temp:** 1mL serum collected in a SST (gold-top) tube. Send refrigerated.

**CPT:** 86235

**Discontinued Quest Test:** 37374 – MGMT Promoter Methylation Tumor

**Discontinued Soft Code:** MGMT

**Replacement Quest Test:** 17863 – MGMT Promoter Methylation Analysis, Tumor

**Soft Code:** UNCMS – Uncoded Quest Referred

**Specimen Type/Source/Temp:** Tissue block (formalin-fixed, non-decalcified, paraffin-embedded) with minimum 20% tumor nuclei. Send room temperature.

**CPT:** 81287

**Discontinued Quest Test:** 91930 – CEA, Carcinoembryonic Antigen, Pancreatic Cyst Fluid

**Discontinued Soft Code:** CEAPC

**Replacement Quest Test:** None available