

Test Summary

UTILIZATION GUIDES

Serum Nicotine Temporary Test Change

February 19, 2025

Effective immediately, Alverno Laboratories will temporarily refer all serum Nicotine testing to our reference lab, Quest Diagnostics. **Importantly, gold-top SST tubes are not acceptable.** The Quest test should be ordered using the UNCMS code. Please note the specimen and ordering changes below.

Temporarily Discontinued Soft Code/Name: NICTS – Nicotine (Cotinine) Metabolite Screen, Serum

Replacement Quest Test Number/Name: 90642 – Nicotine and Cotinine, Serum/Plasma

Soft Code: UNCMS – Uncoded Quest Referred

Specimen Type/Temp: Collect serum in red-top tube (no gel). Spin and transfer serum to a plastic, screw-capped vial. Send refrigerated.

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