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Effective Immediately—Discontinuation of Bio-Intact PTH (#3949)

Dear Client:

Due to a national discontinuation of reagents by Nichols Institute Diagnostics for Bio-intact PTH, we are no longer able to offer #3949 **PTH, Bio-Intact (1-84)**. Orders received for Bio-Intact PTH will automatically be replaced with #3941 **PTH, Intact Only** to ensure prompt testing and reporting.

The **PTH, Intact Only** assay has similar sensitivity and specificity as Bio-Intact PTH, except for patients on dialysis or with chronic renal disease in whom PTH secretion may be overestimated due to presence of large derivatives of PTH. Traditional Intact PTH assays also measure the 7-84 amino acid fragment of PTH which has reduced activity. For more information on this and related assays, please refer to our Web site, www.specialtylabs.com.

Change Summary

<i>Previous Assay</i>		<i>Automatically Replaced by</i>	
3949	PTH Bio-Intact (1-84)	3941	PTH, Intact Only

We apologize for any inconvenience this modification may cause you. If the status on reagent availability changes, we will certainly notify you immediately.

If you have any questions, please visit our Web site www.specialtylabs.com or call Client Services at 800-421-4449.

Thank you for your understanding.



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