

10/13/2014 - Immediate Action, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia

NEW TESTS			
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TEST CHANGES				
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Due to the background information related to these changes, we are unable to use our normal method of communication. These changes listed in this document are effective in less than 30 days. Please note the individual effective dates below, as some of these changes require IMMEDIATE ACTION.

New Test Offerings

The following tests will be available through Quest Diagnostics on the dates indicated below.

HIV-1 RNA, Quantitative, Real-Time PCR, Rebaseline											
Effective Date	10/13/2014										
Test Code	92542										
Specimen Requirements	3 mL (2.5 mL minimum) frozen plasma collected in an EDTA (lavender-top) tube or a PPT (white-top) Vacutainer™ plasma preparation tube										
Reject Criteria	Received unspun frozen plasma in EDTA (lavender-top) or PPT (white-top) tube; frozen plasma received in PPT; frozen whole blood; heparinized plasma; serum; leaking, uncapped or broken containers; received room temperature										
Instructions	Separate plasma from cells by centrifugation within 24 hours of collection. Transfer the plasma to a separate plastic screw-cap vial. Ship frozen. Note: When collecting in EDTA (lavender-top) tube, it is recommended that one 7 mL or two 5 mL EDTA (lavender-top) tubes be drawn.										
Transport Temperature	Frozen										
Specimen Stability	Room temperature: 24 hours Refrigerated: 6 days Frozen: 42 days										
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Additional Information	Effective on January 12, 2015 the HIV-1 bDNA assay will be discontinued due to manufacturer discontinuation of the assay. Order code 40085, HIV-1 RNA, Quantitative Real-Time PCR is the recommended replacement assay. For patients being followed for viral load monitoring, order code 92542 HIV-1 RNA, Quantitative PCR Rebaseline will be available through January 9, 2015 to assist with the transition to the new order code.
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Test Changes

The following test changes will be effective on the dates indicated below. **Please note information that is changing appears in bold text in this update.** *Former test names and test codes have been italicized.*

HIV-1 RNA, Quantitative bDNA	
Effective Date	10/13/2014
Test Code	29273
Always Message	Please Note: Effective on January 12, 2015 the HIV-1 bDNA assay will be discontinued due to manufacturer discontinuation of the assay. Order code 40085, HIV-1 RNA, Quantitative Real-Time PCR is the recommended replacement assay. For patients being followed for viral load monitoring, order code 92542 HIV-1 RNA, Quantitative PCR Rebaseline will be available through January 9, 2015 to assist with the transition to the new order code.
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