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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.

## Test Changes

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

Lp-PLA2 (PLAC®)	
Effective Date	8/25/2014
Test Code	14530
Reject Criteria	Samples stored and shipped room temperature; <b>received frozen</b>
Instructions	<b>Remove any reference to frozen specimens</b>
Transport Temperature	<b>Refrigerated</b>
Specimen Stability	Room temperature: Unacceptable Refrigerated: 14 days <b>Frozen -20°C and Frozen -70°C: Unacceptable</b>
Performing Site	Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, San Juan Capistrano

## Test Send Outs (Referrals)

Chromium, RBCs	
Effective Date	7/28/2014
Test Code	S41192
Specimen Requirements	Preferred: 1 ml (0.4 mL minimum) RBCs collected in an EDTA trace metal-free (royal blue-top) tube  Acceptable: RBCs collected in a <b>sodium heparin (green-top) or lithium (green-top) tube</b>
Reject Criteria	Received frozen; <b>sodium citrate (light blue-top) tube; sodium fluoride/potassium oxalate (gray-top) tube;</b>

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	<b>ACD (yellow-top) tube; EDTA (lavender-top) tube</b>
Specimen Stability	<b>Room temperature and Refrigerated: 30 days Frozen: Not stable</b>
Set-up/Analytic Time	<b>Set up: Tues; Report available: 3 days</b>
Reference Range	<b>NMS Labs derived data: 2.5th - 97.5th percentile range is &lt;1.0 to 3.1 mcg/L (n=3019).</b>  <b>The RBC sample used for analysis was measured by weight and multiplied by the density of human RBC (1.10 g/mL) to obtain mcg/L units.</b>

<b>Nickel, Blood</b>	
<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>7/28/2014</b>
Test Code	S49074
Specimen Requirements	<b>2 mL (0.6 mL minimum) blood collected in an EDTA trace metal-free (royal-blue top) tube</b>
Reject Criteria	<b>Clotted blood specimens; plastic container; lithium heparin (light green-top) tube; sodium heparin glass (tan-top) tube; sodium heparin trace metal-free (royal blue-top) tube; sodium fluoride/potassium oxalate (gray-top) tube; sodium heparin (green-top) tube; EDTA (lavender-top) tube</b>
Instructions	<b>Clotted Blood specimens are not acceptable. Submit in container with a non-Heparin based anticoagulant. Tubes containing Heparin based anticoagulants are not acceptable.</b>
Specimen Stability	<b>Room temperature and Refrigerated: 30 days Frozen: 90 days</b>
Set-up/Analytic Time	<b>Set up: Mon-Fri; Report available: 3 days</b>