

4/3/2013 - Immediate Action, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia

NEW TESTS			
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TEST CHANGES				
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<u>S52011</u>		CD57, CD3, CD8, Flow Cytometry	4/3/2013	1

DISCONTINUED TESTS			
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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.

T3, Reverse, LCMSMS	
Effective Date	4/22/2013
Test Code	90963
Performing Site	Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, San Juan Capistrano
Additional Information	Please note the effective date for new assay has been revised from 4/8/2013.

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.

CD57, CD3, CD8, Flow Cytometry	
Message	This test is not available for New York patient testing.
Clinical Significance	Remove clinical significance.
Effective Date	4/3/2013
Test Code	S52011

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Always Message	<p>Remove the following Always Message:</p> <p>It has been reported that lower frequencies of circulating CD57+ NK cells can be associated with chronic Lyme Disease. Increasing levels of CD57+CD3-lymphocytes over time for patients on antibiotic therapy appeared to correlate with clinical improvement (Stricker, RA and E.E. Winger, Immunology Letters 76 (2001) pp 43-48).</p> <p>The following always message remains unchanged:</p> <p>This test was developed and its performance characteristics have been determined by Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, San Juan Capistrano. Performance characteristics refer to the analytical performance of the test.</p>
Performing Site	Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, San Juan Capistrano

Discontinued Tests

T3, Reverse					
Effective Date	4/22/2013				
Test Code	3236				
Always Message	Effective April 22, 2013, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, will be offering Reverse T3 testing by tandem mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS). The LC/MS/MS test code 90963 will replace the RIA code (test code 3236).				
Performing Site	Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia				
Additional Information	Please note the effective date of discontinuation has been revised from 4/8/2013 and the Always Message has been updated today to reflect the revised effective date.				
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