4/30/2014 - Immediate Action, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia

TEST CHANGES Please Note: Not all test codes assigned to each assay are listed in the table of contents. Please refer to the complete listing on the page numbers indicated.				
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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.*

Filaria Antibody (IgG4)	
Effective Date	**5/5/2014**
Former Test Name	*Filaria IgG4 Antibody, ELISA*
Former Test Code	*S49865*
Test Code	**34168**
Reference Range	**<1.50**
Always Message	This assay detects Filaria IgG4 associated with infections caused by the major filarial parasites, including *Dirofilaria immitis*, *Wuchereria brancrofti*, *Brugia malayi*, and *Onchocerca volvulus*. Detection of IgG4 subclass antibody offers enhanced specificity without sacrifice of sensitivity. Chronic filarial infections manifesting as elephantiasis may not show a significant IgG4 response, and cannot be ruled out by this assay. **Equivocal results may represent cross-reactive antibodies induced by infection with other nematodes.** **This test was developed and its performance characteristics have been determined by Focus Diagnostics. Performance characteristics refer to the analytical performance of the test.**
Performing Site	Focus Diagnostics, Inc.
CPU Mappings	**Result Code**: **85968620** **Result Name**: **Filaria Antibody (IgG4)**

The CPT Codes provided in this document are based on AMA guidelines and are for informational purposes only. CPT coding is the sole responsibility of the billing party. Please direct any questions regarding coding to the payor being billed. Any Profile/panel component may be ordered separately. Reflex tests are performed at an additional charge.
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