

Immediate Action Update

March 7, 2012

Business Unit: Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia

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

Test Send Out (Referrals) 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.*

Hepatitis D Antigen	
Effective Date:	March 26, 2012
Test Code:	VAL S51530
Performing Site:	Focus Diagnostics, Inc.
Additional Information:	This test will be discontinued due to reagent unavailability. The recommended alternative is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S50513 Hepatitis D Virus RNA, Qualitative Real-Time PCR

N-Methylhistamine, Urine (83011)	
Effective Date:	March 12, 2012
Test Code:	VAL S50076
Specimen Requirements:	Collect 24 hour urine with no preservatives. Icteric specimens are no longer rejected. Total volume required. Record on both the specimen container and the request form. Urine Preservative Collection Options: Note: The addition of preservative or application of temperature controls must occur within 4 hours of completion of the collection: 6N HCl, 50% Acetic Acid, Na(2)CO(3), Toluene, 6N HNO(3), Boric Acid, Thymol
Specimen Stability:	Refrigerated: 8 days Frozen: 14 days
Performing Site:	Mayo Medical Laboratories



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