

3/8/2013 - Immediate Action, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia

NEW 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, LC/MS/MS	
Clinical Significance	3,3',5'-Triiodothyronine (reverse T3, rT3) is, along with 3,3,5'-Triiodothyronine (T3) a deiodinated metabolite of thyroxine (T4), the major secretory product of the thyroid gland and is secreted into the bloodstream. Unlike T3, however, rT3 is thought to be metabolically inert. The process of 5'- monodeiodination that converts T4 to T3, and rT3 to diiodothyronine (DIT) is inhibited in a wide variety of conditions, including fasting, malnutrition, poorly controlled diabetes mellitus, trauma, surgery, and systemic illness. Consequently, the serum T3 level typically decreases, and the rT3 often, but not always, increases in these circumstances.
Effective Date	4/8/2013
Test Code	90963
CPT Codes	84482
Specimen Requirements	0.5 mL (0.3 mL minimum) serum
Reject Criteria	Unseparated serum (>48 hours on clot); serum in serum separator tube not separated from the gel within 24 hours
Instructions	Allow blood to clot at room temperature for 30 minutes. Centrifuge and separate the serum from the cells immediately. Alternatively, collect blood in a gel barrier tube, allow to clot at room temperature, centrifuge, and remove from gel within 24 hours.

Transport Temperature	Room temperature					
Specimen Stability	Room temperature and Refrigerated: 7 days Frozen: 30 days					
Set-up/Analytic Time	Set up: Sun-Fri; Report available: 3-5 days					
Reference Range	8 - 25 ng/dL					
Always Message	Note: Effective April 8, 2013, this test was performed using Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry (LC/MS/MS). Reference interval was changed due to the new methodology.					
Methodology	Liquid Chromatography/Tandem Mass Spectrometry					
Performing Site	Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, San Juan Capistrano					
CPU Mappings	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Result Code</th> <th>Result Name</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>86008403</td> <td>T3, Reverse, LC/MS/MS</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Result Code	Result Name	86008403	T3, Reverse, LC/MS/MS
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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.

Discontinued Tests

T3, Reverse					
Effective Date	4/8/2013				
Test Code	3236				
Performing Site	Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia				
Additional Information	The recommended alternative is 90963 T3, Reverse, LC/MS/MS in the New Test Offerings Section.				
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Test Send Out (Referral) Changes

Due to these assays being performed by outside vendors, we are unable to use our normal method of communication. Some of the changes listed in this document may be effective in less than 30 days. Please note the individual effective dates below, as these changes may require **IMMEDIATE ACTION.**

Vendor Address Update:

Palo Alto Medical Foundation
TOXOPLASMA SEROLOGY LABORATORY
 Research Institute, Ames Building
 795 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Carbohydrate, Urine [CHOU]																			
Message	**This test is available for New York patient testing.																		
Effective Date	3/11/2013																		
Former Test Name	Carbohydrate, Urine [9255]																		
Test Code	S43620																		
CPT Codes	84376																		
Specimen Requirements	5 mL from a random urine collection (early morning preferred). Send specimen frozen in a plastic, 10-mL urine tube on dry ice. Note: Only frozen specimens acceptable																		
Specimen Stability	Room temperature: Unacceptable Refrigerated: Unacceptable Frozen: 21 days																		
Set-up/Analytic Time	Set up: Wed; Report available: 8 days																		
Performing Site	Mayo Medical Labs																		
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Additional Information	<p>If qualitative result is suggestive of an elevation of galactose or glucose, additional testing will be performed at an additional charge.</p> <p>If qualitative results indicate the presence of galactose, S48880 Galactose, Quantitative, Urine will be performed at an additional charge (CPT code: 82760).</p> <p>If qualitative results indicate the presence of glucose, A52586 Glucose, Random, Urine will be performed at an additional charge (CPT code: 82945).</p>																		

Fatty Acid Profile, Essential (C12-C22), Serum [FAPEP]	
Effective Date	3/11/2013
Former Test Name	Essential Fatty Acid Profile [82426]
Test Code	S51264
Specimen Requirements	Plasma is no longer acceptable.

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Specimen Stability	Room temperature: Unacceptable Refrigerated: 24 hours Frozen: 90 days
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Trihexyphenidyl, Serum or Plasma [4680SP]	
Effective Date	4/8/2013
<i>Former Test Name</i>	<i>Trihexyphenidyl [4680SP]</i>
Test Code	S42795
Specimen Requirements	5.0 mL (2.2 mL minimum) serum
Reject Criteria	Polymer gel separation tube (SST or PST)
Transport Temperature	Refrigerated