

3/26/2012 - Immediate Action, Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia

DISCONTINUED TESTS			
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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S51530	Hepatitis D Antigen	3/26/2012	1
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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

Discontinued Tests

Hepatitis D Antigen	
Message	Note: The recommended alternative for this test deletion, previously announced in the March 7, 2012 Immediate Action is not available for New York patient testing.
Effective Date	3/26/2012
Test Code	S51530
Performing Site	Focus Diagnostics, Inc.
Additional Information	This test will be discontinued due to reagent unavailability. The recommended alternative is S50513 Hepatitis D Virus RNA, Qualitative Real-Time PCR. This test is not available for New York patient testing. There is no alternative test for New York patients.

Hepatitis C Virus Abs [RIBA]	
Effective Date	4/2/2012
Test Code	2447
Performing Site	Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute, Valencia
Additional Information	<p>Due to a nationwide stock shortage of sole-source HCV RIBA[®] reagent from the manufacturer, Quest Diagnostics must temporarily suspend all HCV RIBA testing for an indeterminate period of time. We will notify clients once HCV RIBA[®] reagents become available.</p> <p>The recommended alternative is: 7577 HCV RNA, Quantitative Real-Time PCR</p> <p>This discontinuation also affects the following tests: 2447B Hepatitis C Virus Abs [RIBA] + Bands, 2447T Hepatitis C Virus Abs [RIBA] [BLOOD BANK], 2447BT Hepatitis C Virus Abs [RIBA] + Bands [BLOOD BANK], 7491 Hepatitis C Virus Evaluation [RIBA] W/Reflex TMA, 7491B Hepatitis C Virus Evaluation [RIBA] + Bands W/Reflex TMA, CT82800A Hepatitis C Virus Abs [RIBA].</p> <p>Also affected: 2445B Hepatitis C Antibody W/Reflex RIBA + Band, 2445 Hepatitis C Antibody W/Reflex RIBA. While the Hepatitis C screen portion of this test will continue to be available, any reflexed HCV RIBA's will be canceled.</p> <p>Please note: For those clients who currently order the Hepatitis C Antibody with Reflex to HCV RIBA[®], a positive anti-HCV screen will require a patient redraw to perform the HCV Viral RNA PCR assay due to the differing specimen requirements.</p>