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Dear Valued Client:

As you know, in 2007, Specialty Laboratories was acquired as part of the AmeriPath acquisition by Quest Diagnostics. Since the acquisition, Specialty Laboratories has continued to operate under the Specialty name and offer superior testing services to your clinicians and patients. Over the past three years, Quest Diagnostics has supported the growth of the specialized testing offered by Specialty and will now unify our specialized and complex testing offering under the Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute name. Effective Jan 25, 2011 our name will change to Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute. This change will enable us to more succinctly and powerfully communicate the complete suite of services available through Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute. Since acquisition, Specialty has developed relationships and affiliations with the existing Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute sites and has provided unequalled access to an extensive breadth of testing menu and services, utilizing your existing connectivity and resources.

Nothing changes for you, our customer. There are no operational changes and it is business as usual. You can expect to continue to receive superior service levels from us. The current test menu will continue to be performed at the Valencia facility and new testing will continue to be added to our offering as it has historically. An example of this menu expansion is our recent Pain Management offering. The client services teams and representatives currently providing you service will not change and all contact information will remain in place.

We are announcing the name change now; however the effective date for the name change will be January 25, 2011. While you may notice the name change in some communications fairly quickly, (e.g., phone messaging), most of the changes will take several months to implement. According to federal regulation, we will change to the Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute name on all patient data documentation, including laboratory reports, on the effective date in January.

Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute is an industry leader in innovation, research and development and thought leadership in highly specialized, complex genetic and molecular testing. The shared expertise of Specialty Laboratories and Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute in esoteric testing servicing hospitals and industry partners offers you a transparent and integrated network of highly sophisticated and dedicated laboratories.

For additional information, please visit our Web site at www.specialtylabs.com where we have posted a FAQ document on our website to address questions you may have. You may also contact Client Relations at 800-421-4449 or your local sales representation. They will be able to update you and answer any questions you may have throughout the brand transition process. Thank you for choosing *Specialty* and we look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully Yours,



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