

6/30/2015 - TSO Update, 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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S48672		<b>Alternative Complement Pathway Activity</b>	7/6/2015	1

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**.

## Test Changes

The following test changes will be effective on the dates indicated below. **Please note information that is changing appears in bold text in this update.** Former test names and test codes have been italicized.

Alternative Complement Pathway Activity	
Message	<b>**This test is now available for Rhode Island patient testing**</b>
Effective Date	<b>7/6/2015</b>
Former Test Name	<i>Alternate Pathway Total Functional Activity</i>
Test Code	S48672
Specimen Requirements	1 mL ( <b>1 mL minimum</b> ) serum collected in a red-top tube (no gel) <b>Pediatric: 0.25 mL minimum</b>
Reject Criteria	<b>Gel barrier tubes</b>
Instructions	<b>Allow blood to clot at room temperature or 37 °C for 20 to 60 minutes. Centrifuge to thoroughly remove cells and immediately transfer cell-free serum to a fresh tube and freeze the cell-free serum on dry ice or at -70 °C.</b> <b>Do not thaw.</b> <b>Specimens should arrive Monday-Thursday only.</b>
Specimen Stability	Room temperature and <b>Refrigerated: Unacceptable</b> Frozen -20°C: Indefinite <b>Frozen -70°C: 1 year</b>
Set-up/Analytic Time	<b>Set up: Tues; Report available: 4 weeks</b>