

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services
Date: March 1, 2007
Re: Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Testing Changes, *REVISION*

On February 26th, AML sent you notification that effective March 19th, 2007, the Alpha 1 Antitrypsin test (18/A1A) and the Alpha 1 Antitrypsin & Phenotype test (2349/A1P) would no longer be available, and that both tests were being replaced by the Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Quantitation and Mutation Analysis.

Further communication with Quest Diagnostics has revealed that ***only the Alpha 1 Antitrypsin & Phenotype test (2349/A1P) will be affected by this change.*** The Alpha 1 Antitrypsin test (18/A1A) will remain unchanged.

The Quest test code for the new test will be 15340 Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Mutation Analysis. This new test will need to be ordered as a 994/MSO until the AML LIS system can be updated to reflect the change.

Specimen Requirements: 5 ml EDTA - whole blood

Stable: 8 days room temp
8 days refrigerated
Unacceptable - frozen

Alternate specimen: 3 ml Serum in Plain Red, Spun and Separated and submitted refrigerated or frozen.

Stable: 8 hours Room Temp
7 days Refrigerated
30 days Frozen.

CPT code and pricing information are not available at this time.

The AML Collection Manual will be updated to reflect this information at the time of the change.