

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services
Date: February 26, 2007
Re: Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Testing Changes

AML has received notification from Quest Diagnostics that **effective March 19th, 2007**, the Alpha 1 Antitrypsin test (18/A1A) and the Alpha 1 Antitrypsin & Phenotype test (2349/A1P) will no longer be available. These tests are being replaced by the Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Quantitation and Mutation Analysis.

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.