

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services
Date: October 19, 2007
Re: Homocysteine, Nutritional

Please note that if a request for a Homocysteine, Nutritional and Congenital (Quest Diagnostics test #36362) is received at AML, the specimen will no longer be forwarded to Quest. AML performs a Homocysteine test in house that differs from the Quest test only in reference range.

When an order for the Homocysteine, Nutritional and Congenital is received at AML, the ordering facility will be contacted with notification that the test order is being changed to the in house test (see information included below). If this is not acceptable with the ordering provider, they will need to contact Dr. Chris Chong, AML Medical Director at 612-262-5013, to discuss the request

Test Name: HOMOCYSTEINE, CARDIAC
Test Number: 4775/HOM
Collect: 1 ml Plasma / PST Tube
Alternate Collect: "EDTA Plasma also acceptable, spin and separate. Container MUST be clearly labeled as EDTA Plasma".
Container: Plastic Transfer Vial
Processing: Spin, Separate and Refrigerate within 30 minutes of collection
Transport/Stability: Refrigerated; Room Temp specimens will be rejected.
Performing Lab: AML
Collection/
Processing Details: SST tube also acceptable - Clot on ice or in refrigerator for 60 min; Spin, separate and refrigerate. CANNOT BE ADDED ON TO PREVIOUS SAMPLES
CPT Codes: 83090