

# Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients  
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services  
Date: June 9, 2009  
Re: PCA3Plus® Testing Available

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Allina Medical Laboratories is pleased to announce the availability of a new test, the PCA3Plus® from Bostwick Laboratories.

The following information about PCA3 and the PCA3Plus® Test was received from Bostwick Laboratories:

*PCA3 is a gene which was discovered in the 1990's. The gene was found to be over-expressed in prostate cancer cells. Later research showed that urine collected after the performance of a light prostatic massage (called an attentive digital rectal exam, or DRE) contained prostate cells in sufficient number to evaluate a patient's risk for prostate cancer.*

*PCA3Plus® is a urine-based test which is specific to prostate cancer cells and is a very accurate predictor for prostate cancer. It has a much higher accuracy for prostate cancer detection than PSA levels alone.*

*A PCA3Plus® test is usually performed when a patient has previously had a negative prostate biopsy, but their PSA levels remain high or continue to rise.*

Test collection kits for the PCA3Plus® are available via our electronic Supply Catalog on our website at [www.allina.com/medicallaboratories](http://www.allina.com/medicallaboratories). These kits can be found under Miscellaneous Supplies.

Collection instructions have been included with this message and are also available on our website.

**Test Name:** PCA3- PLUS  
**Test Number:** 994/MSO  
**Collect:** Random Urine  
**Container:** Aptima Gen-Probe Urine Collection/Transport Tube  
**Processing:** Transfer Urine to Line indicted on Transport Device with Pipet Supplied  
**Transport/Stability:** Refrigerated  
**Performing Lab:** Bostwick Labs  
**Collection/Processing Details:** *See Collection Instructions included with this message.*  
**Method:** Genetic Assay  
**CPT Codes:** 83913-90; 83891-90 x2; 83892-90 x2; 83902-90 x2; 83898-90 x2; 83896-90 x2; 83912-90  
**List Price:** \$111.50

***Reporting:***

The PCA3Plus® test will be resultated as Positive, Negative or Non-Informative. Along with this result, a copy of the Bostwick Laboratories will be distributed to the ordering provider. An example of the Bostwick Laboratories report has been included with this message for your reference.