

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients
 From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services
 Date: February 3, 2006
 Re: Urgent Send Outs Changes, PTH and Allergen Reports

Effective immediately, Quest Diagnostics has discontinued offering the **PTH Bio Intact** (C-Terminal Mid-Molecule) due to unavailability of reagents. There is currently no estimated time at which this test will become available.

All orders received for this test will be changed to the PTH Intact with Calcium (2317/PTH). Information regarding this test is included below:

Test Name:	PTH INTACT WITH CALCIUM
Test Number:	2317/PTH
Collect:	2 ml Frozen Serum
Container:	Plastic Transfer Vial
Processing:	Spin, Separate and Freeze
Transport/Stability:	Frozen; Stable 2 days Refrigerated; Stable 8 hrs at Room Temp
Alternate Names:	Parathyroid Hormone, Parathormone, PTH whole molecule, N-terminal
Performing Lab:	AML
Days Set Up:	M - Sa
Expected TAT:	1 - 2 days
Ref. Ranges:	PTH Intact: 15-65 pg/ml; Calcium: 8.5-10.5 mg/dl
Collection/ Processing Details:	Fasting specimen preferred. Includes calcium. Serum is preferred specimen. Heparized plasma has been found to contain interfering substances causing delay in testing. Label tube: SERUM.
CPT Codes:	83970

Allergen Reports:

AML has received notice that effective Feb 6th, Quest Diagnostics is changing the way that they will be reporting Allergen testing results.

Quest will be reporting the kU/l but they will be adding CLASS in place of the % value. Allina LIS is working on adjusting our systems for this new reporting, but will not be able to make the necessary changes to all the panels before Quest's implementation. As a result, these report results will fail to cross the interface.

In order for AML to get these reports to our clients until the LIS adjustments are completed, AML staff will result the first item in the test as See Separate Report, and this is the report that you will see from AML. The actual complete report will come to you as a copy of the Quest report. For Allina Excellian clinics, the report will be scanned into the system. All other clients will have a hard copy of the Quest report sent to them.

Please accept our apologies for any inconveniences that this may cause to you