

Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services
Date: September 25, 2006
Re: RBC Folate (165/RCF) Temporary Testing Change

Due to a manufacturer's backorder of reagent, Allina Medical Laboratories is temporarily unable to perform RBC Folate. ALL RBC Folate specimens collected on or after 9/22/2006 will be held at AML until such time that reagent becomes available to run specimens. The decision to hold RBC Folate specimens was necessary due to the inability of Quest Diagnostics being able to use the AML provided hematocrit to calculate RBC Folate values. It is our hope that AML will once again have Folate Reagent in-stock before October 6th.

All Serum Folate specimens will continue to be sent to Quest Diagnostics. The only difference that you will see is a comment on the test report indicating that the testing was performed at Quest Diagnostics.

In order to maintain specimen integrity, if a single frozen specimen is submitted for both Folic Acid and Vitamin B12 testing, both tests will sent to Quest Diagnostics.

Testing will recommence at AML once reagent is available.