

TB by QuantiFERON Gold Plus Test Kit Change



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As per the July, 2018 communication, the manufacturer of our current interferon gamma release assay (IGRA) QuantiFERON Gold for the detection of latent tuberculosis (TB) is discontinuing the current 3-tube IGRA. It is being replaced with the manufacturer's new 4-tube IGRA QuantiFERON Gold Plus.

The changes to the ordering of the test and its results are as follows:

TB by QuantiFERON (Order code QFTBA) is being replaced by QuantiFERON TB Gold Plus (Order code QFTB4).

The new results include:

- QFTBR – TB Interpretation (reference range: Negative)
- QFTTB1 – TB1 Ag minus Nil
- QFTTB2 – TB2 Ag minus Nil

The new test code will be available starting Wednesday 9/26/2018, at this time the old test code will be discontinued. The final run of the old test code for the 3-tube assay will be Friday 9/28/2018. The first run of the new 4-tube test will be performed on Monday 10/01/2018. **Please note that after Tuesday 9/25/2018, no 3-tube assays will be accepted for testing and the patient will need to be re-drawn with the 4-tube assay.** With this in mind, please plan to have the new 4-tube collection kit in stock for the Wednesday 9/26/2018 live date of the new test. If you have any questions about this upcoming change, please contact Dr. Clayton Wilburn in the chemistry laboratory.

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