



**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** 4-16-18

**TO:** NPL Clients

**FROM:** Rhonda Burgard MT (ASCP) BB, MPA, Client Services Supervisor

**Re:** Quantiferon tubes

Effective April 25<sup>th</sup>, all Quantiferon testing will be sent to LabCorp. The new supply code for the LabCorp supplied Quantiferon test kit is 801661. This is a three tube kit enclosed in a white cardboard box. Please follow collection instructions in the test kit. All three tubes in the kit and the box must be labeled with the patient name and a second identifier. The box must be sealed before sending to Northern Plains Laboratory. Please note: incubation is required within 16 hours of collection and the box must be marked "incubated" specimen. If requested, NPL will incubate the specimens before sending them to LabCorp. Leave the "incubated" check box blank. Specimens must arrive at LabCorp within 96 hours of collection. Please consider specimen stability when drawing specimens later in the week. Please discard your current supply of PAML supplied Quantiferon tubes.

Also note, current ANA, Quantiferon, Calculi and Parasite ID test codes will be inactivated on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you have built the new LabCorp test codes in your LIS or EMR. If collecting any of these tests on April 24<sup>th</sup>, you may want to consider holding these tests until April 25<sup>th</sup>, if stability allows, and ordering them when the new test codes go into effect. (See Test change memo sent on 4-5-18)

If you experience any issues concerning the quality of any of supply items we provide to you, we encourage you to report the problem promptly to NPL client services. We will evaluate the problem and if possible replace the supply item. You may email your concerns to [rburgard@primecare.org](mailto:rburgard@primecare.org) or contact me at 701-530-5704 or 1-800-645-1003.