

*****IMPORTANT LAB ANNOUNCEMENT*****

To: Customers that order QuantiFERON Gold test from HealthEast Medical Labs (HML)
From: Craig Rousar, Chemistry Lab Manager, St. Joseph's Hospital
Date: June 8, 2018
Subject: **Change from QuantiFERON-TB Gold to QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus tuberculin test**

The makers of QuantiFERON-TB Gold have an improved product for the detection of Tuberculosis, both Latent TB infections (LTBI) and active TB. The product is called QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus.

The difference between the two products are the number of tubes necessary for testing. **QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus requires four tubes.** The Nil (Gray top) and Mitogen (Purple top) tubes remain the same, but the TB antigen tube (Red top) has been changed. There are now two TB antigen tubes. TB Antigen tube 1 (TB1 Green top) is optimized to stimulate a CD4 immune response and TB antigen Tube 2 (TB2 Yellow top) is optimized to stimulate both CD4 and CD8 immune responses.



The filling requirements for the tubes remains the same. With the new tubes, there is a solid bar on each tube that represents the proper fill amount. If the amount of blood is within the area of the bar, the tube is properly filled.

HealthEast Medical Labs will begin testing with the 4-tube QuantiFERON Gold Plus product on Monday July 16.

We will no longer accept the 3-tube QuantiFERON Gold product for testing as of Monday July 23.

The new 4-tube QTF collection sets will be sent out to clients the week of July 9. After the initial supply, this product can be obtained using the standard supply ordering process.

Please limit the number of 3-tube QFT collection sets ordered, before July 16, to avoid wasting this product. After July 16, please return the unused 3-tube QFT collection set to HML.

QuantiFERON Gold Plus test code is **LAB3150 (TBG)**.

If you have any questions contact Craig Rousar at carousar@healtheast.org, or phone number 651-232-3002.

Thank you for using HealthEast Medical Lab. We appreciate your business.