



## Test Deactivation

To: Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) Clients  
Subject: Change in primary test code for Zinc Serum or Plasma  
Date: February 11, 2011

The following **Zinc Plasma test code will be deactivated** effective February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

<i>Test code to be deactivated</i> <b>Zinc Plasma</b>	Order Name: <b>ZINC P</b> Test Number: 3603840
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The replacement test will be the current Zinc Serum which now accepts EDTA Plasma as an alternate or secondary specimen type.

<i>Test code to be used as replacement</i> <b>Zinc Serum or Plasma</b>	Order Name: <b>ZINC</b> Test Number: 3603800
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Primary Specimen:  
**2mL** (0.5mL) **Serum** aliquot from **Royal Blue Top** No Additive Clot tube. (red banded)

Secondary Specimen:  
**2mL** (0.5mL) **Plasma** aliquot from **Royal Blue Top** EDTA tube. (purple banded)

Allow 20-30min for Serum to clot.  
**Centrifuge specimen and aliquot serum or plasma into a Royal blue Trace Element-Free Transport Tube ASAP.** (*available from materials management*)

Please Indicate Specimen type on Transport Tube.

Unacceptable Specimens: Separator tubes or Gel-Tubes. Hemolyzed specimens.

Stability: If the specimen is drawn and stored in the appropriate container, the trace element values do not change with time.

Patients should refrain from taking vitamins or mineral supplements at least three days prior to specimen collection.