

MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Medical Laboratory Clients
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DATE: September 14, 2015
SUBJECT: **Fecal Fat Quantitative Test Changes**

Effective September 21, 2015, there will be a change in the test ordering names and collect kits used for Fecal Fat Quantitative testing. Results from this assay may be useful in monitoring patients on exogenous enzyme therapy for chronic diarrhea or diagnosing patients whose stool contains excessive fat for malabsorption or maldigestion.

Specimen volume and processing for this test is as follows:

- Patient may collect 24-hour, 48-hour, or 72-hour fecal specimen in an ARUP Stool Collection Container.
- Testing for random specimens will no longer be available.
- Specimen must be kept refrigerated during the collection process.
- The specimen container must be marked with the appropriate duration for the specimen that is to be collected.
- Once collection is complete, please freeze the specimen as soon as possible.
- The specimen stability is as follows: room temp, one (1) hour; refrigerated, four (4) days; frozen, two (2) weeks.
- Please submit separate stool specimens if electrolyte or osmolality tests are also required.

The RML test code number 35-00990 will be discontinued and replaced with three (3) possible test codes. Please choose the appropriate test code listed below for the duration of the stool collection. The new tests will be performed by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy. The reference range will change from <7g/24h to 0.0-2.0g/24h for children and 0.0-6.0g/24h for adults. CPT codes will remain the same. Please contact your sales representative for current pricing for these tests.

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Previous Procedure Mnemonic	Previous Long Name	Previous Procedure Number	Previous CPT4 Code/s	LOINC codes
FAT QN FEC	Fecal Fat Quantative Total	3500990	82710	9413-6
New Procedure Mnemonic	New Long Name	New Procedure Code	New CPT Code/s	LOINC codes
FAT FEC 24	Fecal Fat Quant 24 Hour Collection	3500991	82710	16142-2
FAT FEC 48	Fecal Fat Quant 48 Hour Collection	3500992	82710	16855-9
FAT FEC 72	Fecal Fat Quant 72 Hour Collection	3500993	82710	2271-5

Specimens that are not submitted in the appropriate stool collection container or past stability will be rejected. To request the containers, please enter “ARUP Timed Stool Collection Container” under the miscellaneous section on the online tool or write on the fax supply request form and fax form to Materials Management at 918-744-3006 or 888-833-0528. Please indicate quantity needed (see picture of noted container below). If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Nikki Garner or Shelli Lamb at 918-744-2500.

