

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Regional Medical Laboratory Clients  
**FROM:** Nikki Garner, MS HCA, Manager Processing/Specimen Resolution/Ref Lab  
 Shelli Lamb, MLT, Reference Lab Specialist  
**DATE:** March 16, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** **Discontinued Test - VAP Cholesterol**

Effective February 28, 2016, the Atherotech VAP Cholesterol Test (VAP TEST 2024855) will no longer be available. An alternative test can be offered by ordering NMR LipoProfile (NMR LIPO 5520002).

Specimen collection & processing for NMR LipoProfile (NMR LIPO 5520002) is as follows:

- A 12-14 hour fast is preferred, but it is not required.
- Collect either a Red no-gel or Purple (EDTA) tube. Collection in a gel barrier tube is not acceptable.
- Spin, separate serum or plasma, and refrigerate immediately.
- Submit 2mL (1mL minimum) of refrigerated serum or plasma.
- Stability: Room Temp – Unacceptable; Refrigerated – 6 Days; Frozen - Unacceptable

Previous Procedure Mnemonic	Previous Long Name	Previous Procedure Number	Previous CPT4 Codes
VAP TEST	VAP Cholesterol Lipid Panel	2024855	83701, 84478
New Procedure Mnemonic	New Long Name	New Procedure Code	New CPT Codes
NMR LIPO	NMR LipoProfile	5520002	80061, 83704

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nikki Garner or Shelli Lamb at 918-744-2500.