

# SERVICE UPDATE



UnityPoint Health

**CAMPUS AFFECTED:** Methodist, Pekin, Proctor

**AFFECTS PATIENT CARE – Please update all Providers and Staff**

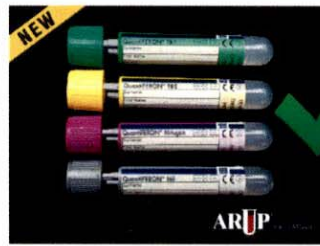
**TEST NAME:** QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus, 4 Tube ARUP 3000399 **DATE OF CHANGE:** 8/15/2018

REPLACING: QuantiFERON-TB ARUP 0051729

**SPECIMEN TYPE:** Blood Collection Kit – 4 Tube

**ORDERING CODES:** **EPIC:** LAB2820 **NEW:** No Change

**SQ:** QFGA **NEW:** QFT4



Beginning August 15, 2018 UnityPoint Health Methodist, Pekin, Proctor will require a new collection kit for QuantiFERON testing. The new kits include 4 specific tubes for testing. The 3 tube collection kit will be considered obsolete and should not be used.

**Key Points:**

- Specimen collected before 8/15/2018 will need to be collected in the 3 tube kits
- **Starting 8/15/2018, 4 tube kits are required. Specimens sent using the 3 tube collection kit will be rejected and will require patient re-collection.**
- Specimens are transported to the lab unspun at room temp and must be received within 12 hours at Methodist Lab.

**Collection:**

- Collect 1 mL (Min: 0.8 mL, Max 1.2 mL) of whole blood directly into each of the four tubes in the QuantiFERON-TB (Standard) 4 In-Tube Collection Kit.
  - Note: Tubes should be between 17°C and 25°C (63°F to 77°F) at the time of blood collection.
- Immediately after filling the tubes, shake them ten (10) times just firmly enough to ensure the entire inner surface of the tube is coated with blood, to solubilize antigens on the tube walls.
  - Note: Over-energetic shaking may cause gel disruption and could lead to aberrant results.

**Transport:**

Specimens should be transported to the lab unspun at room temperature and must be received at Methodist or Pekin Hospital Labs within 12 hours of collection.

For further information refer to UnityPoint Peoria Online Laboratory User Manual

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