

Technical Bulletin

Laboratory Care Delivery System

NEW COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS FOR GAMMA INTERFERON TESTING

The Laboratory Care Delivery System is pleased to announce that, effective Tuesday, **April 25, 2023**, the blood collection vials for QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus (QFT-Plus) testing for the **GAMMA INTERFERON (TB) [86480A]** order will change from 4 QFT-Plus tubes to a single Lithium-heparin tube. Whole blood will be collected using a **6 mL Lithium-heparin** tube and gently mixed by inverting at least 10 times to dissolve the heparin. Specimens received with less than 5 mL whole blood or in anticoagulant other than lithium heparin will be rejected. Please see below for details.

Previous QFT-Plus Blood Collection Tubes



New 6mL Lithium-heparin tube



Requires full tube
Invert 10 times



Do Not Centrifuge

TEST INFORMATION

Test Location	North Hollywood Regional Reference Laboratory (NH RRL)
KPHC Order Display Name [Code]	GAMMA INTERFERON (TB) [86480A]

NEW SPECIMEN COLLECTION REQUIREMENT

Specimen Stability	Must be received refrigerated at the North Hollywood RRL within 24 hours from collection and processed within 48 hours of collection
Transport Temperature	Refrigerated
Specimen Container and Minimum Volume	6 ml whole blood (full tube) collected in a single Lithium-heparin tube (Green Li)
Tube ordering information	One link information: TUBE LITHIUM HEP PLASMA PLASTIC 6 ML GRN BD VACTNR Item ID 10008232 Supplier #s: BD – 367886 Cardinal Health – B2953-10

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