Labcorp LabAlert

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An Important Update from Laboratory Services

UPDATE: 3rd GEN RAPID HIV IMPLEMENTATION

On October 1, 2026, due to a vendor backorder at all Legacy Health Hospitals, Labcorp at Legacy will replace the out-of-stock 4th generation rapid HIV Point-of-Care (POC) test with a 3rd generation POC test. As mentioned in a previous Lab Alert, the manufacturer of the 4th generation test used by Labcorp at Legacy is experiencing a temporary supply constraint due to raw materials that do not meet Abbott's quality specifications. Some key changes and points to be aware of are:

- The ordering information will be different for the new 3rd generation test and is summarized in Table 1.
- For the 3rd generation test, we will only accept ***EDTA whole blood (lavender top tube).*** A second serum (gold top, SST) tube is still required for reflex testing.
- In an effort to conserve 4th generation kits, we temporarily stopped rapid HIV testing for Employee Health exposure source patients. On 10/1/26, we will open testing back up to this patient population, as well as continue testing for OB without prenatal care and neonates, using the 3rd generation test.
- All Reactive and Indeterminate results will be reflexed to a different 4th generation test (HIV p24 Antigen/Antibody With Reflex to Confirmation, Labcorp Test Code #083935; HIV SCN DIFF LC), that will be sent to and performed at another Labcorp facility.

Third generation tests detect HIV-1/2 Antibodies about 3 to 12 weeks post-exposure, while 4th generation tests detect those antibodies as well as the HIV-1 p24 antigen roughly 2-6 weeks post exposure, making it the current standard for testing. However, there are no available alternative 4th generation rapid POC test kits. Therefore, in order to meet the needs of our patient populations, we need to implement a 3rd generation kit, OraQuick Advance, until the supply constraint is resolved. The manufacturer expects that shipments of their 4th generation test will resume at the earliest in late October, although timelines are subject to change.

Table 1: Ordering Information

Item		3rd Generation Test Starts 10/1/26	4th Generation Test Temporarily Discontinued Due to Kit Out-of-Stock
EPIC EAP	Procedure #	LAB473	LAB5044
	Procedure Name	RAPID HIV ANTIBODY (3RD GEN)	RAPID HIV 4TH GEN WITH REFLEX
EPIC Beaker Test Name		HIV-1/2 AB BY ORAQUICK 3RD GEN	RAPID HIV 4TH GEN WITH REFLEX

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For additional information, please contact your account representative, client services or consult the Lab Test Tables on our website.

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