

LAB ALERT

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Test Update: QUAD Screens and Maternal Serum Alpha-Fetoprotein Testing

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

Effective immediately the core laboratory will begin sending Quad Screens (QUADOB) and Maternal Serum AFP Only (AFPO) testing to our reference laboratory ARUP. Due to the paucity of samples currently being run at Nebraska Medicine median values cannot be adequately maintained for acceptable statistical risk analysis. This change is being made to ensure accurate prenatal risk assessment for your patients.

A new patient history form will need to be filled out. The form is attached to this facsimile. Please submit this form with all specimens. Please note that there is a new question that will be required regarding the patient use of valproic acid or carbamazepine during the pregnancy.

QUAD Screen: <http://ltd.aruplab.com/Tests/Pub/0080269> ARUP# 0080269

Maternal Serum Alpha-Fetoprotein Only: <http://ltd.aruplab.com/Tests/Pub/0080434> ARUP# 0080434

Interfaced Clients: For the time being clients will need to order these as a Special Procedure, Blood **SPPRB**. We are in the process of building new codes.

Recalculations may be requested by calling client services at 402-559-6420.

QUAD CPT code 81511; AFPO CPT code 82105. Pricing has not changed.

If you have questions or concerns about this change please contact Dr. Sam Pirruccello, (phone: 559-7707 or 763-3157, pager: 888-1640, e-mail: spirrucc@unmc.edu) or Dr. Alina Sofronescu (phone 559-8335, pager 888-6729, email: alina.sofronescu@unmc.edu).

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