



**Memo No.** 2020-003  
**Date:** 15-Jan-2020  
**Memo To:** Clients  
**Re:** **Parathyroid Hormone Related Peptide (PTHrP) and Histamine**

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ICL routinely refers these plasma tests to Quest Diagnostics.

These tests are also available to ICL clients via Mayo Clinical Labs but with varying specimen requirements, stability and price between the labs. In response to client demand, the website catalogue is updated to offer these tests at both labs.

- Parathyroid Hormone related Peptide (PTHrP) requires sodium heparin plasma (green top) at Quest; the Mayo service requires EDTA plasma (lavender top). Test price is similar for both.
- Histamine requires the same specimen type at both labs (EDTA plasma (lavender top)). Quest specifies shorter stability (7 days vs 28 days frozen) but is significantly lower in price.

Accommodating these services requires that **effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 you must select the desired lab service, either Quest or Mayo.**

Non-interfaced clients must specify the desired service on their requisition:

- **PTHrP: You must specify the submitted specimen type or the testing lab.** Prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the Quest service will continue being offered as the routine service (sodium heparin plasma (green top)) and need not be specified.
- **Histamine: You must specify the desired testing lab.** Prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the Quest service will continue being offered as the routine service (EDTA plasma (lavender top)) and need not be specified.

As always, clients with interfaces should order tests using codes for the desired service.

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