

Date: June 17th 2019

To: All physicians, Nurse Managers, Educators and Practitioners, Laboratory Directors and Managers

From: SHA Royal University Hospital Microbiology Laboratory

Re: Transition from current QuantiFERON TB Gold (IGRA) assay to new QuantiFERON TB Gold Plus (QFT4) assay

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Key Messages:

- Effective June 17th the Microbiology Laboratory at RUH will begin processing samples collected for the new QuantiFERON TB Gold plus 4 tube assay (test code QFT4)
- Samples collected using the 3 tube collection system (test code IGRA) will be processed until **June 30th** after which time the laboratory will only process the new 4 tube collection tubes (test code QFT4)

Why this is important:

- Current 3 tube IGRA collection tubes will no longer be available
- Vendor product change results in additional collection tube.
- Addition of the 4th tube will improve assay sensitivity.

Ordering Instructions:

- Order test code IGRA for QuantiFERON 3 tube collection system until inventory of 3 tube collection devices is depleted or until June 30th whichever comes first
- Order test code QFT4 for the new QuantiFERON 4 tube collection system

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