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Test Name	Test Code	Effective Date
QuantiFERON® TB Gold Plus (QFT)	T814	October 14, 2019

Effective October 14th, BioReference will provide special specimen bags (gold color) for the transportation of the lithium heparin (green-top) tube for QuantiFERON® TB Gold Plus (QFT) testing. The lithium heparin tube (6mL green top) will become the primary specimen for QFT testing (however the current 4 tube collection method will remain in place as an alternate specimen type).

Unlike the 4 tube collection, the single green top does NOT require incubation but **must be** stored refrigerated from time of collection to time received at the lab. Instructions for collection and transport are included below, are printed on the gold bags, and are also available from the lab as needed.

The supply department has prepared a box containing a rack of tubes and a supply of gold bags to be used for QFT testing ONLY. Clients may order this 'kit' (for QFT testing only) by ordering supply speed number **169**.

Please refer to the table below for updated test information.

	Previous Test Information	New Test Information
Specimen Requirements	QFT 4 tube collection	Lithium heparin 6 mL (green top)*
Minimum Volume	1 mL per tube	Fill tube
Transportation Temperature	Incubated OR shipped at Room Temperature within 16 hours	Must arrive at lab in less than 48 hours refrigerated
Stability	16 hours if not incubated on site at 37 degrees	Up to 48 hours
Collection Instructions	The 4 tube collection method requires immediate shipment to the lab OR on site incubation	Collect one 6 mL LITHIUM heparin (green top) tube. Allow tube to fill completely before removing. Gently mix by inverting the tube several times to dissolve the heparin. Label tube with two (2) patient identifiers and time of specimen collection. Place sample with completed requisition into a QuantiFERON® TB Gold Plus (QFT) specimen bag. Place one (1) sample per bag. Seal bag and place in a refrigerator or cooler maintained at 2-8 degrees C (Sample must be refrigerated within 3 hours of collection) Ship to laboratory as soon as possible. MUST REACH LAB within 48 hours from collection. KEEP REFRIGERATED AT ALL TIMES. DO NOT FREEZE.

***NOTE:** Green Top Sodium Heparin tubes are not acceptable and will be rejected.