



Technical Alert

Discontinuation of Hemoccult Fecal Occult Blood Test due to Long Term Supply Disruption

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SUBJECT: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY - Discontinuation of Hemoccult Fecal Occult Blood Test

The distributor for Hemoccult has not filled supply orders for Diagnostic Laboratory Services, Inc. since November, 2020. Despite repeated inquires, they will not commit to an allocation or provide any delivery timeframe. Our testing supplies have run out, and we are having to cancel orders as specimen stability limits are exceeded. We cannot locate another laboratory who will accept these specimens. We are forced to discontinue this test. Please **do not give patients Hemoccult cards** for specimen collection – we have no way to test them.

The Quidel QuickVue has been an option for testing at DLS for several years. It uses similar immunochemical technology to detect human hemoglobin (hHb), has an analytical sensitivity of 50 ng hHb / ml, and only requires 1 specimen. In contrast, Hemoccult is less sensitive at 300ng hHb / ml, so requires 3 collections

Please immediately discard any remaining stock of Hemoccult cards and order QuickVue collection tubes from DLS Purchasing.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you or your patients. We sincerely believed the supply disruption would be resolved in a timely manner, which it was not.

<i>Test</i>	<i>Specimen</i>	<i>Unit Code</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Turn-around Time</i>
Occult Blood, Stool, iFOB	iFOB Collection Tube	602	Daily	<24 hours from receipt of sample

Specimen stability in iFOB Collection Tube is 8 days ambient and 6 months at 2-8°C (refrigerated).

Please refer any questions to Terrie Koyamatsu, Manager - DLS Microbiology Laboratory at 589-5196, or DLS Client Services at 589-5101.

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