



TEST DELAYED / TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE

Effective Date: July 3, 2017

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Due to an unexpected backorder on test kits, the Aldosterone assay performed by The Medical Foundation is temporarily unavailable. Expected downtime is approximately 3 weeks. During this downtime samples will be handled as follows.

Aldosterone, Plasma (TMF# 30066)

Test will be referred to Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute. There are no changes to specimen requirements, units of measure, LOINC, price, or CPT coding.

Aldosterone/Direct Renin Ratio (TMF# 47463)

A comparable referral test with equivalent specimen requirements is not available. TMF will contact the client for each sample received and offer these options.

OPTION 1 - STORE SPECIMEN

TMF will store the frozen specimen until test kits are available and testing resumes.

OPTION 2 – MODIFY ORDER AND SPLIT SPECIMEN

TMF will modify the Aldosterone/Direct Renin Ratio order to the separate tests for Aldosterone (TMF# 30066) and Direct Renin (TMF# 44783). The sample will be thawed and the Direct Renin will be performed at TMF. The remaining sample will be refrozen and sent to Quest for the Aldosterone. **No ratio** will be reported.

OPTION 3 - CANCEL AND RECOLLECT

TMF will cancel the Aldosterone/Direct Renin Ratio (47463). Client may recollect and submit new orders for one of the alternate tests listed below. **NOTE: These tests both require two specimens (Serum and EDTA Plasma).**

TMF# 30074 – Aldosterone/Renin Activity Ratio

- OR -

ARUP# 2002582 – Aldosterone and Renin, Direct with Ratio
(Order as miscellaneous)