

ROYAL BLUE TUBE SHORTAGE

IMPACT TO TRACE ELEMENT AND HEAVY METAL TESTING

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**LAB
ALERT**

ROYAL BLUE TEST TUBES ARE NOT AVAILABLE

- Alternative Testing option: Ordering testing on a URINE specimen (see list below)
- Alternative tube types are available for magnesium (see list below)
- Tube shortage is due to supply chain challenges impacting manufacturing and distribution
- No firm timeframe has been provided for resupply

Impacted Test

Alternative Test

TESTS WITH ALTERNATIVE URINE TEST OPTIONS: Use Order Code below

LAB9290	Arsenic, Blood	LAB10335	Arsenic Exposure Profile, Urine (24 hour or random)
LAB9337	Cadmium, Blood	LAB10365	Cadmium, Urine (24 hour or random)
LAB832	Heavy Metals Profile II*, Blood	LAB10959	Heavy Metals Profile II*, urine (24 hour or random)
LAB8960	Iodine	LAB9187	Iodine (Random) or LAB9586 Iodine Urine (24 hour)
LAB8809	Lead Standard Profile	LAB404	Lead, urine (24 hour or random)
LAB98	Lead, Blood (Adult)	LAB404	Lead, urine (24 hour or random)
LAB10280	Lead, Blood (Pediatric)	LAB404	Lead, urine (24 hour or random)
LAB831	Mercury, Blood	LAB9647	Mercury, Urine (24 hour or random)
LAB581	Zinc	LAB9593	Zinc, Urine (24 hour or random)
LAB9223	Zinc, RBC	LAB9593	Zinc, Urine (24 hour or random)

TESTS WITH ALTERNATIVE URINE TEST OPTIONS: Order as a Miscellaneous Test

LAB665	Aluminum	LCA 071555	Aluminum, Urine (24 hour or Random)
LAB10184	Chromium and Cobalt (MoM)	See separate codes	
LAB967	Chromium, Plasma	LCA 071530	Chromium, Urine (random)
LAB1020	Cobalt	LCA 071514	Cobalt, Urine (24 hour or random)
LAB817	Copper	LCA 003343	Copper, Urine (24 hour or random)
LAB104	Magnesium, RBC	LCA 003400	Magnesium, Urine (24 hour)
LAB1050	Manganese, Blood	LCA 071597	Manganese, Urine (random)
LAB579	Selenium	LCA 071613	Selenium, Urine (24 hour or random)
LAB10154	Selenium, RBC	LCA 071613	Selenium, Urine (24 hour or random)

TEST WITH ALTERNATIVE TUBE OPTIONS:

LAB104	Magnesium, RBC	Green top, Lavender top, Tan Top
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TESTS WHERE NO ALTERNATIVE IS AVAILABLE:

LAB10158	Boron Quantitative	No Alternative
LAB9636	Cadmium Standard Profile (Blood and Urine)	No Alternative
LAB10756	Zinc Protoporphyrin (ZPP)	No Alternative

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