

TEST RATIONING IN EFFECT: ALANINE AMINOTRANSFERASE (ALT / SGPT)

January 23, 2024

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ALT / SGPT**

Effective Tuesday January 23, 2024, Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories (PDL) will be limiting ALANINE AMINOTRANSFERASE (ALT / SGPT) testing.

REASON FOR RATIONING:

Our test vendor is experiencing a nation-wide shortage of ALT test reagent. To manage remaining test reagent we have on hand, we need to limit what test panels we can provide an ALT test result on.

Priority is being given to Cottage Hospitals and urgent cares.

IMPACTED TESTS:

Beginning January 23, 2024, PDL will not be providing the ALT test result for the following orderable codes:

- **COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL (CMP)** **LAB17**
- **EXPANDED COMPREHENSIVE METABOLIC PANEL** **LAB9403**

For the tests above, the ALT will be reported as “see comment” with the following verbiage:

"Test not performed due to reagent shortage. If there is a critical need for ALT testing, please call the laboratory."

If you have a critical need for ALT testing for your outreach patient(s) which cannot wait until this supply shortage is fully resolved, please contact PDL Client Services at 866-591-4610 or 805-879-8100.

We will continue to perform ALT as part of the Hepatic Function Panel LAB20 at this time.

EXPECTED RESOLUTION:

Our vendor is indicating that ALT reagent may be allocated in early February; however, the allocation may not provide us with enough reagent for full testing to resume. We will provide updates as this supply issue progresses.

Thank you for your support through this supply shortage. PDL appreciates your continued business, and we apologize for the inconvenience this issue has caused.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT PDL CLIENT SERVICES AT 805-879-8100