

# Montana Laboratory Sentinel

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## **Harvest Webstation is going away!!!**

Have you started using Copia? You should have received log-in information and instructions for Copia in your e-mail (the same e-mail address that you get Harvest notifications). **Harvest Webstation is going away on November 30th**, so please log in to Copia and begin using asap! If you have not received the information or need help with Copia, please contact Crystal Fortune at 444-0930 or [cfortune@mt.gov](mailto:cfortune@mt.gov).



## **Reminder**

Please ensure you are using the most current version of MTPHL's Laboratory Request Form (requisition). Also, please do not Xerox copies of this form, as the Xeroxed copies do not scan well into our laboratory information system and increase the risk of transcription error. If you need more requisitions, please call us at 800-821-7284 and make your request.

Also, for Medicaid patients, please remember to add the ICD Code in the appropriate spot in the lower left hand corner of the requisition. We are unable to process patients as Medicaid without this code.

## **UPDATE!!! QuantiFERON®-TB Gold Plus four-tube assay**

The Montana Public Health Laboratory has completed validation of the new 4th generation QuantiFERON®-TB Gold Plus four-tube assay. The 3rd generation QuantiFERON-TB Gold phlebotomy tubes (3 tube assay) are currently being phased out and will no longer be accepted after **November 12<sup>th</sup>**.



To help facilitate the change, MTPHL is supplying QFT-Gold Plus 4 tube assay collection kits, collection and ordering instructions, and shipping procedures to all facilities that have requested Quantiferon testing within the past year. Please continue to order tubes as needed. Other than the addition of a 4th tube, phlebotomy and sample processing procedures remain unchanged.

For more information on specimen collection for the QuantiFERON®-TB Gold Plus four-tube assay, please see the additional attachment, "[QuantiFERON Gold Plus collection procedures](#)" document.

If you need more information regarding the new the QuantiFERON® collection kits or testing methods please call Angela Dusko at 406-444-3040.