

MEMO

TO: Clients

FROM: CCLS – Specimen Referral Center

DATE: 6/14/2022

SUBJECT: Mayo Clinic aliquot tube changes effective 8/1/2022

On Aug. 1, Mayo Clinic Laboratories will transition to new clear and amber 5 mL aliquot tubes due to a recent change in the manufacturing process. The new tube is slightly smaller than the current tube and is not compatible with existing 5 mL aliquot tube caps.

Action requested: Mayo Clinic Laboratories strongly recommends that your organization permanently discard any old clear and amber 5 mL aliquot tubes and caps to prevent the mixing of the old and new supplies. By doing so, you will help prevent specimen leakage and ensure specimen integrity.

Next steps:

1. Replacement aliquot tubes will be automatically shipped to you in mid-July.
2. Replace all existing aliquot tubes with the new product. Please discard any old aliquot tubes and caps no later than Aug. 1.
3. Begin using the new tubes immediately.

Ordering new clear and amber 5 mL aliquot tubes:

In mid-July, the new tubes will be orderable through the supply catalog and all standing orders will be updated to reflect the new supply items:

T914 – Sarstedt 5 mL Aliquot Tube

T915 – Sarstedt 5 mL Aliquot Tube (Amber)

At that time, supply items T465 (clear aliquot tube) and T192 (amber-frosted aliquot tube) will be obsoleted.

Mayo will ship the new supplies to CCLS in mid-July. So please feel free to contact the Specimen Referrals Center with any questions and to order your replacement supplies, at 320-251-2700 Ext. 57320.