

DISCONTINUED TEST

NOTIFICATION DATE: 05/29/2025

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediate

Natural Killer Cells (NKCELL)

On the effective date, the Natural Killer Cells test performed at Quest Diagnostics will be discontinued. A suitable alternative performed at Northwell Health Laboratories is available with a shorter turnaround time and increased flexibility for sample collection (EDTA or Sodium Heparin). The utilization of the alternative test will decrease the number of cancellations related to specimen stability/transit time.

Computer Interface Code: **PDM # 1559166**

Test Order: **NKCELL**

Recommended Alternative Test

Test Name	Full T Cell Subset
Methodology	Flow Cytometry
Submission/Container	Lavender (EDTA) or Green (Sodium Heparin)
Specimen Volume/Minimum Volume	3ml whole blood
Specimen Stability	Delivery to the lab within 12 hours is recommended <i>Specimen cannot be refrigerated</i>
Transport Temperature	Ambient
Computer Interface Code	PDM# 5201201
Test Order	FTHS



If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at (800) 472-5757.