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REFERRAL TEST UPDATE
NOTIFICATION DATE: January 25, 2011
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 2011

PEANUT IGG4
#91981

EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: Effective February 28, 2011, #91981, referred to Viracor-IBT Laboratories will reflect the following reference range update.

REFERRAL LAB CODE: 52022

CURRENT REFERENCE RANGE:	<1 mcg/mL
NEW REFERENCE RANGE:	<0.15 mcg/mL
CURRENT ALWAYS MESSAGE:	The reference range reported is the two standard deviation upper limit for a population of normal healthy individuals. Values above this threshold indicate that the patient's antibody response is high relative to a reference population. Since elevated values may be observed in asymptomatic individuals, the clinical significance of these values should be interpreted with caution. This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by the Viracor-IBT Reference Lab. It has not been cleared or approved by the FDA.
NEW ALWAYS MESSAGE:	The reference range listed on the report is the lower limit of quantitation for the assay. The clinical utility of food-specific IgG4 tests has not been established. These tests can be used in special clinical situations to select foods for evaluation by diet elimination and challenge in patients who have food-related complaints. It should be recognized that the presence of food-specific IgG4 alone cannot be taken as evidence of food allergy and only indicates immunologic sensitization by the food allergen in question. This test should only be ordered by physicians who recognize the limitations of the test. This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by the Viracor-IBT Reference Lab. It has not been cleared or approved by the FDA.

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