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Delayed testing – Feather Mix (Y123) Allergy Screen

Allergen-specific IgE testing performed by Dynacare utilizes ImmunoCAP technology. Our vendor is currently experiencing issues in obtaining raw materials for the production of allergen extracts. As a result, testing for **Feather Mix** (goose, chicken, duck, and turkey feathers) will be delayed until at least **October, 2016**. In the absence of the Feather Mix allergy screen, it is recommended that individual allergens be ordered, as described in the table below:

Delayed test	Estimated reinstatement date	Recommended replacement tests
Feather Mix (goose, chicken, duck, turkey feathers; Y123)	October 2016, at the earliest	Individual allergens: - Goose feathers (Y019) - Chicken feathers (Y158) - Duck feathers (Y020)

In addition, allergen testing (IgE) for **Pigeon Droppings** is no longer available through Dynacare.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience and cooperation in this matter.

For questions or concerns please contact:

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