

## **IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE AMINO ACIDS 24-HOUR URINE KIT**

In our efforts to provide testing of the highest quality, we have improved our method for measuring urinary amino acids. Due to this improvement, the Amino Acids Profile (24-hour urine) has changed, and these changes will go into effect on November 24, 2008. The new method no longer requires the use of hydrochloric acid (HCl). Including HCl in the specimen will now cause incorrect test results.

If you recently ordered the urine amino acid kit(s) (Kit # 0012) and still have any of these kits in your practice, you will need to modify each one before supplying them to your patients by following these steps:

1. Remove the tube of HCl from the kit
2. Turn on the water in your sink
3. Pour the HCl down the drain (DO NOT place the tube under the running water or try to rinse the tube)
4. Flush the drain with water for one minute
5. Dispose of the tube in a trash container

Please remember that HCl is an acid, so use extreme caution while handling the HCl. If you get any HCl on your skin or clothing, rinse immediately with water.

Once the HCl tube is removed from the kit(s), you may distribute the kit(s) to your patients. Advise your patients that there is no HCl included in the kit, and ask them to ignore Step 4 on the kit instructions. You can also download updated kit instructions from the Test Menu section of our website.

If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at 1.800.221.4640.