

CMV Virus Testing for Neonatal Samples: Reagent Shortage

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To clinicians ordering neonatal CMV testing through the UR Medicine Central Laboratory Clinical Microbiology Lab:

Effective immediately we are unable to perform neonatal CMV testing on saliva in-house due to a critical reagent shortage. Until further notice, these tests will be sent to a reference laboratory. **PLEASE NOTE that samples must be collected using viral UTM, NOT dry swabs.**

Please collect specimens as follows: Place swab in the mouth until saturated with saliva. Transfer swab to tube containing 1 to 3 mL of Universal Transport Media (UTM). Wait 90-120 minutes following breast feeding to collect the sample.

Expected turn-around times will be 24-72 hours after collection. Procedures for confirmatory urinary testing are unchanged.

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