

Virus-Specific PCR Tests Replacing Viral Culture

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Effective Date: October 17, 2018

Viral Culture is being replaced by several PCR tests targeted to specific viruses. To aid in identifying appropriate tests, several PCR panels, each consisting of separately orderable tests have been created for different specimen types.

- Viral PCR Conjunctiva/Cornea
- Viral PCR CSF
- Viral PCR Genital
- Viral PCR Respiratory
- Viral PCR Extended Respiratory
- Viral PCR Skin
- Viral PCR Stool
- Viral PCR Urine
- Viral PCR Vitreous/Aqueous

No change in specimen collection or transport is required.

For additional information on ordering see October 16th eRecord Update.

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