NEW ORDERING SYSTEM FOR VIRAL CULTURE COLLECTION KITS

All inpatient units and cost centers, UCDMC-based clinics and the Emergency Department will now need to order and maintain an adequate supply of pre-made viral culture collection kits from PHS to meet their individual viral culture testing needs. The manually prepared viral culture collection kits made by the clinical laboratory are being discontinued. Client Services will continue to provide kits for outpatient clinics. The new kits are stable at room temperature and contain a plastic, scored collection swab and a Universal Transport Media (UTM). After specimen collection, break the shaft evenly at the pre-scored line and insert into the transport medium.

THE ARE NO CHANGES TO CURRENT COLLECTION OR TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS. All virology specimens MUST be submitted on ice to the laboratory as soon as possible after collection. Refer to the Laboratory Test Dictionary for further instructions on specimen collection for virus culture.

All inpatient units and cost centers and UCDMC-based clinics must maintain their own supply of collection kits. Client Services will provide kits for outpatient clinics only. Use the following information to order:

DESCRIPTION: Swab UTM-RT (Universal Transport Media)
CAL CODE: 51001423
MANUFACTURER#: 403C
MANUFACTURER: Diagnostic Hybrids, Inc.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Laboratory Client Services at 734-7373 or email pathologyclientservices@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu