

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SERVICE

DATE: September 22, 2009
TO: House Staff and PCN Physicians, Faculty and Nursing Personnel
FROM: Jeff Gregg, MD
Director, Molecular Pathology
Re: CMV Qualitative, Blood (EPIC order LABP000181)

Effective September 22, 2009 CMV QUALITATIVE, BLOOD by PCR on blood specimens will be performed in the Molecular Laboratory using the Qiagen *artus* CMV LC PCR ASR test. The test is currently being sent out. The limit of detection for this assay is 250 copies/mL. For CMV qualitative testing for non blood specimens, order CMV QUALITATIVE, FLUID (LABSD000140).

Sample Requirement: One full whole blood 4 mL EDTA (purple top) tube
Lab sample Processing: Centrifuge, aliquot plasma and freeze within 6 hours of collection. DO NOT freeze primary collection tubes.
Minimum: 0.5 mL frozen plasma
Reference Interval: Positive (≥ 250 copies/mL)
Target Not Detected (<250 copies/mL)

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sandra Hatcher at (916) 734-1673 or the molecular staff at (916) 734-1670.

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