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 QUALITITATIVE, 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 9916) 734-1670.

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