NOTICE OF CHANGE OF SERVICE

DATE: September 22, 2009
TO: Housestaff and PCN Physicians, Faculty, and Nursing Personnel
FROM: Jeff Gregg, MD
   Director, Molecular Pathology
RE: CMV QUANTITATIVE, BLOOD (EPIC order LABP000182)

Effective September 22, 2009 CMV QUANTITATIVE, BLOOD PCR testing 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.

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: <250 copies/mL (Below the limit of detection of the assay)

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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