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Clinical Laboratory Test Update


SARS-CoV-2/Flu A/B/RSV PCR (FLUVID) Testing Media Change

On December 4, 2023, due to an update in the testing cartridge, UCHealth labs will not be able to accept saline as a media source for SARS-CoV-2/Flu A/B/RSV PCR (FLUVID) testing.

UCHealth supply chains and laboratories have been made aware of the change and will be assisting in removing saline media from stock.

Testing Information	
Testing Affected	FLUVID (SARS COV2 + FLU A/B + RSV)
Acceptable Specimens	Flocked swab placed in Viral Transport Media (M6, M4-RT, UVT, or UTM).
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swab in saline media/PBS - Sources other than nasal or nasopharyngeal swabs. - eSwabs® - Wooden-shafted or calcium alginate swabs - Dry swabs (i.e. not placed in VTM) - Sample not properly identified, incorrect container, insufficient volume, past stability, or leaking container

Acceptable Media	Unacceptable Media
Viral Transport Media (pink) including: BD Universal Viral Transport (UVT) (Lawson 404507, Henry Schein 1116322) *preferred UCHealth system product	Media made of saline/PBS (clear) including: Greiner VACUETTE® 3 ml Virus Stabilization Tube (Lawson 359563)
	

<p>Remel M4RT (Lawson 331019)/ Remel M6</p> 	
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