
MEMORANDUM

To: All Laboratory Users

From: Microbiology, Department of Laboratory Medicine

Date: 24 January 2025

Re: **(1) Transfer of Test Services – Respiratory pathogens panel PCR and Meningitis and Encephalitis panel PCR**
(2) Rooster notification update
(3) Discontinuation of test codes

Dear Users of Laboratory Medicine,

(1) Please be informed that the following tests will be transferred to Microbiology with effect **4 Feb 2025, 6pm.**

New set up with Microbiology

Service code	EAP	EAP record name [Test Code]
23619	LAB3053554	Respiratory Pathogens Panel PCR, Nasopharynx [MRPPN]
23619	LAB3053555	Respiratory Pathogens Panel PCR, BAL [MRPPB]
23620	LAB2412	Meningitis and Encephalitis Panel PCR [MMEP]

	Respiratory Pathogens Panel PCR		Meningitis and Encephalitis Panel PCR
Specimen / volume	Nasopharyngeal swab in UTM [preferred]	BAL in sterile screw-capped container [specimen matrix not validated]	CSF in sterile screw-capped container
	1 UTM, 3mL	2mL	2mL
Days performed	Monday through Sunday		Monday through Sunday
Turnaround Time	1 day		1 day
Notification of significant results	Rooster Positive targets for patients under ≤ 18 years: <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> , <i>Bordetella parapertussis</i> and SARS-CoV-2		Rooster All positive targets

(2) Rooster notifications for [EAP LAB3053100, service code 23616] Influenza A, B, and RSV will be aligned with Respiratory Pathogens Panel PCR test.

The following positive results will no longer be notified on Rooster:

- Influenza virus A
- Influenza virus B
- Respiratory syncytial virus

Rooster notifications for [EAP LAB2437, service code 1033031] SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) RNA PCR will be aligned with Respiratory Pathogens Panel PCR test.

- Positive results will only be notified on Rooster for patients ≤ 18 years.

(3) EAPs to be discontinued (set up with Molecular Diagnosis Centre)

Service code	EAP	EAP record name
1033032	LAB1307	Respiratory Pathogens DNA & RNA PCR
1033827	LAB2412	Meningitis & Encephalitis DNA & RNA PCR, CSF

Clinicians who had created future orders for procedure codes LAB1307 will need to re-order using the new codes LAB3053554 or LAB3053555.

For further queries, please contact Microbiology at 67724343.

Yours sincerely,

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