

News

Clinical Laboratory Test Update

Viral Culture Testing

Effective June 1, 2017, the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory will no longer offer in-house testing for the viral cultures listed below. We will continue to provide an extensive in-house menu of molecular diagnostic tests with higher sensitivity and specificity than the culture method, with decreased turnaround times. The molecular methods test for all of the viruses that can be detected by our current tissue culture methods, plus additional pathogens. Possible molecular test options for the discontinued viral cultures have been noted in the following chart.

Discontinued Viral Culture Tests:	
LAB8907	RESPIRATORY VIRAL CULTURE PANEL
LAB3270	VIRAL CULTURE - CSF
LAB254	VIRAL CULTURE

Molecular Diagnostic Test Options:	
LAB5187	RESPIRATORY VIRAL PANEL PCR
LAB3252	INFLUENZA A/B QUAL BY PCR
LAB3347	RSV QUAL BY PCR
LAB3249	HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS QUAL PCR
LAB3349	VARICELLA-ZOSTER VIRUS QUAL
LAB3246	ENTEROVIRUS QUAL BY PCR
LAB3239	ADENOVIRUS BY PCR
LAB3244	CMV BY PCR

Please call the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory Molecular Diagnostics Department at 720-848-6892 if you have any questions or visit our website at <https://www.uhealth.org/professionals/uch-clinical-laboratory/> for additional information.