

Comparability of Instruments

POLICY If the laboratory uses more than one nonwaived instrument to test for a given analytes, the instruments are checked against each other at least twice a year for comparability of results.

PROCEDURE

| Step | Action |
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| 1 | At least twice a year the Microbiology supervisor or designee will perform instrument correlation on both BD Veritor Plus instruments for Flu A+B and RSV. |
| 2 | Quality control or previous proficiency testing samples will be used for this comparison for tests performed on the same instrument platform, with both control materials and reagents of the same manufacturer and lot number. Alternatively, patient samples may also be used (if available). |
| 3 | Acceptance criteria: Results of all samples should be in (100%) agreement. |
| 4 | Instrument that does not meet the acceptance criteria should be investigated, troubleshooting will be initiated and, if indicated, the vendor's Technical support for the test system will be contacted to assist with corrective action and repeat the test procedure. |
| 5 | All documentation is reviewed and approved by the Microbiology supervisor/designee and Operations director. Correlation Forms are filed in the BD Veritor Plus A+B and RSV Test Validation/Verification and Staff Training Binder. |

Non-
Controlled
Documents

CAP Checklist COM.04250, COM.04300

