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LABORATORY ALERT

Subject: Order change for AFB TMA to AFB PCR – Interface & Source Impact

The Laboratory is informing you of the following test change:

Effective date:	August 13, 2018
Test Change:	AFB TMA test codes are being replaced by AFB PCR test codes. These codes will be discontinued : XTBNR – AFB TMA Non Resp XTBRP – AFB TMA Resp
New Test Codes / Name:	XTBCPS – AFB PCR Sputum XTBCPN – AFB PCR Non Sputum
Specimen Requirements:	No change in the specimen type, but the process will change if a sample has BOTH a culture and a AFB PCR ordered: 1. The Processor will give the Technical Staff member the sample and the AFB PCR label. 2. The Technical Staff member will split the sample, under the Micro hood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use one sample for micro culture testing • return the other sample to Processing for send-out for AFB PCR testing
ROB Process:	AFB PCR test will be sent to Chantilly on the Non Micro 601 batch list.
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