

**Date: August 10, 2018**

## **LABORATORY ALERT**

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

*The Laboratory is informing you of the following test change:*

<b>Effective date:</b>	<b>August 13, 2018</b>
<b>Test Change:</b>	<p>MTB TMA test codes are being replaced by MTB PCR test codes. These codes will be <b>discontinued</b>:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">XTBNR – MTB Complex TMA Non Resp XTBRP – MTB Complex TMA Respiratory</p>
<b>New Test Codes / Name:</b>	<p>XTBCPS – M.tuberculosis PCR Sput XTBCPN – M.tuberculosis PCR Non-Sput</p>
<b>Specimen Requirements:</b>	<p>No change in the specimen type, but the process will change if a sample has BOTH a culture and a MTB PCR ordered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Processor will give the Technical Staff member the sample and the MTB PCR label.</li> <li>2. The Technical Staff member will split the sample, under the Micro hood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use one sample for micro culture testing</li> <li>• return the other sample to Processing for send-out for MTB PCR testing</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>ROB Process:</b>	MTB PCR test will be sent to Chantilly on the Non Micro 601 batch list.
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