


Date: August 28, 2018

LABORATORY ALERT

Subject: MRSA PCR

Please read the following test change:

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| Effective date: | September 5, 2018 |
| Test Change: | The MRSA Surveillance Cultures using Remel Spectra chromogenic medium will be replaced by the Cepheid Xpert MRSA NxG PCR test. |
| Test Name / Code: | MRSA PCR Sunquest test code: MRSPR |
| Specimen Requirements: | <p>Nasal swab using a dual swab with Liquid Stuart Medium (red cap). BOTH swabs need to go into each nostril together and rotated, then placed into the transport tube together.</p>  <p>Swabs may be labeled BBL or Copan</p> |
| Documentation changes | There are new SOP and QC forms for the MRSA PCR test. |
| Kit Storage | Store kits refrigerated or at room temperature 2-28°C. If stored refrigerated, kit must equilibrate to room temperature before use. |
| Kit Ordering and QC | External QC must be performed one time each day of use. |
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