

MULTIPLE TESTS SINGLE TUBE PAML PROCESSING (PINK TAPE)

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PURPOSE

To provide instruction on handling multiple send out tests when minimum sample volume is available and only a shared sample tube is submitted.

BACKGROUND

Some patient samples sent to PAML for reference testing need to have two or more tests run on the single sample due to low sample volume. To avoid the occasion where the second test might be overlooked, etc., it is the recommendation of the PACLAB missing Sample Task Force that the PACLAB partners use special identification tape (pink tape) on the original tube to draw attention to the nature of the order.

EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

PAML will routinely stock this tape. This pink tape will indicate that a single sample is to be used for multiple tests. When sending an order to PAML for replacement stock, send the request to the PAML Supply Department and request Pink Multiple Test Tape for PACLAB.

STEPS

1. Label empty tube with Cerner Label and rubber band to the filled tube with pink tape.
 - If tests require different temperatures, track at longest stability temperature.
2. Wrap the pink tape around the filled single tube in a fashion that does not interfere with reading the label or bar code information. Obscuring the demographic information and bar code may result in delayed testing or initiation of the TIQ process within PAML.

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