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To: Locations collecting specimens to be tested at UKHealthCare Clinical Laboratory

Date: January 8, 2020

Subject: Changes to Collection Container(s) for specific blood tests

UKHealthCare Clinical Microbiology Laboratory will be changing the preferred specimen container from dark purple container(s) to a single pearl container beginning January 23, 2020 for the following blood tests:

* BK Virus Quantitative DNA by PCR (BK)
* CMV Quantitative Viral Load by PCR (CMVQVL)
* EBV Quantitative DNA by PCR (EBVQT)
* HIV Quantitative RNA by PCR (HIVVL)

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| Old Test Code | Old Container(s) | New Test Code | New Container(s) | Pediatric Container(s) |
| BK | 1 Dark purple | **BK** | 1 Pearl | 3 Lavender microtainers |
| CMVQVL | 1 Dark purple | **CMVQVL** | 1 Pearl | 3 Lavender microtainers |
| EBVBLD | 1 Dark purple | **EBVQT** | 1 Pearl | 3 Lavender microtainers |
| HIVVL | 2 Dark purples | **HIVVL** | 1 Pearl | 3 Lavender microtainers |

The new pearl container is a Plasma Preparation Tube (PPT) with a gel separator that is used to quickly separate the plasma from the cells, allowing the primary container to be used for testing. This will allow for more efficient processing and a quicker turn-around-time for our patients. Containers must be filled appropriately to the fill-line. Pediatric collections will continue to utilize the lavender microtainers, and must collect 3 full microtainers to ensure adequate volume for testing.

Please distribute and/or post the attached corresponding educational tool for reference.

Thank you for your commitment to our valued clients, our patients!

Sincerely,

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