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UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES
TEST ANNOUNCEMENT
Bordetella Pertussis Testing

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UPH Meriter Laboratories recommends the Bordetella pertussis/parapertussis by PCR for the diagnosis of Pertussis. PCR has a quick turnaround time and can be collected with materials that are readily available, as the culture media required is unique and on allocation.

Bordetella pertussis/parapertussis by PCR

Epic/SQ Order Code: LAB923, PCRBPA

Performing Laboratory: ARUP Laboratories

Methodology: Qualitative Polymerase Chain Reaction

Specimen Requirements: Respiratory Specimen-Aspirate, bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), or nasopharyngeal swab.

- Fluid: Transfer 2 ml respiratory specimen to a sterile container.
- Swab: Place in viral transport media.

Specimen Handling and Transport: Frozen

Turnaround Time: 1-4 days, Sunday-Saturday

CPT Code: 87798x2

If you have any questions, please call the UnityPoint Health - Meriter Laboratories Client Services Department at 608-417-6529 or 1-800-236-0465.