

# Special Advisory | LAB-LINK

New and updated laboratory testing information

October 19, 2023

## **Ureaplasma Species, Molecular Detection, PCR, Varies**

Test Name	Ureaplasma PCR
Test Code	UPPCR
Effective	Immediately

#### **Description of Change**

Effective immediately, respiratory fluid and body fluid specimens submitted for the Ureaplasma PCR test (UPPCR) will no longer be accepted if sent in viral transport media (VTM). These fluids should be transported in a sterile container not containing media.

NEW – Fluid Specimen Requirements		
Specimen Type:	Body Fluid	
Sources:	Pelvic, peritoneal, amniotic, prostatic secretions, semen, reproductive drainage or fluid, pleural/chest, chest tube, pericardial	
Container/Tube:	Sterile container	
Specimen Volume:	1 to 2 mL	

Specimen Type:	Respiratory Fluid
Sources:	Sputum, tracheal secretions, bronchial washings, bronchoalveolar lavage, lung; or nasal washings
	(Note: Nasal washings may only be submitted for infants <3 months of age)
Container/Tube:	Sterile container
Specimen Volume:	1 to 2 mL

For specimen requirements for other sources, please refer to the **Lab Handbook**.

#### **Additional Information**

If you have additional questions regarding this test, please contact Technical Support between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For general questions, Customer Care is available to assist at any time.

### **Technical Support/Customer Care**

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