

Clinical Laboratory Test Update

FLUVID PCR - Transport Media Change

Beginning December 4, 2023, Supply Chain will replace the red-capped saline tubes with Viral/Universal Transport Media for the entire UCHealth system. Photos are below. There is an upcoming change to the FLUVID PCR test cartridge where saline will no longer be acceptable for testing.

South region's hospital labs can continue to accept swabs in saline through December 22, 2023.

Please share this update with your unit supply and stocking teams. We encourage you to discontinue saline swab collections once Viral Transport Media is available on your unit.

Testing Information	
Testing Affected	FLUVID (SARS COV2 + FLU A/B + RSV)
Acceptable Specimens	Nasal or nasopharyngeal swab placed in Viral/Universal Transport Media
Unacceptable Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - eSwabs® - Wooden-shafted swabs - Dry swabs (i.e. not placed in VTM) - Sample not properly identified, incorrect container, insufficient volume, past stability, or leaking container

Acceptable Media	Unacceptable Media
<p>Viral/Universal Transport Media *Pink liquid*</p> <p>The brands may vary.</p> <p>Examples of Viral Transport Media:</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">or</p>	<p>After Dec 31, 2023, media made of saline/PBS (clear) including:</p> <p>Greiner VACUETTE® 3 ml Virus Stabilization Tube</p> 

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