



Memorandum Micro #191

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SUBJECT: **Changes in Collection Method for Bordetella PCR**

Effective immediately, the preferred collection method for Bordetella pertussis/parapertussis PCR (LAB923) is changing to E-swabs. For a month, the orange-capped swab currently used will be accepted to allow clinics and departments to change their ordering records.

Current viral PCR testing swab	Replacement viral testing swab
HealthLink Liquid Stuart Swab Lawson # 050440	Flexible mini tip blue ESwab Lawson # 143675

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