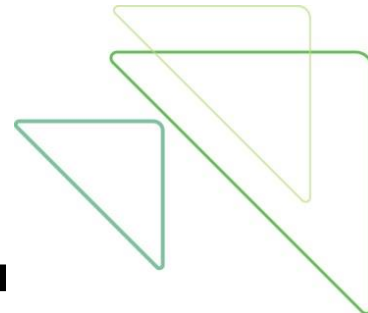




TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Effective Date: October 15th, 2018

New Collection Requirements for *Bordetella pertussis* and *Bordetella parapertussis* PCR

Northwell Health Laboratories would like to inform you that the *Bordetella pertussis* and *Bordetella parapertussis* PCR test will be performed in house utilizing the Luminex-Aries Bordetella assay beginning on October 15, 2018. The new assay utilizes PCR methodology, has comparable performance to the current method and the added benefit of simplified specimen requirements and an improved turnaround time. The test order remains unchanged, but the specimen collection requirements have changed and are now the same as other molecular respiratory testing performed in the laboratory (e.g. Influenza and RVP testing):

Test Changes:		
	New Test	Old Test
Specimen Requirements Container/Tube:	Nasopharyngeal swab in universal transport media (UTM)	Nasopharyngeal swab in Stuart's with charcoal or Amies with charcoal
Turnaround Time	24 hours	4-5 days

Reference Values: **Not Detected**

Computer Interface Code: **PDM # 6350290**

Test Order: **D PERT**

If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at (516) 719-1100.