Des Moines Laboratory Update

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Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Testing

Due to backorders and allocations of consumables resulting from the Covid-19 situation, MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory will be sending out HPV testing to Quest Diagnostics Laboratory effective immediately. Quest will perform the Aptima HPV assay which is a target amplification nucleic acid probe test for the in vitro qualitative detection of E6/E7 viral messenger RNA (mRNA) from 14 high-risk types of human papillomavirus (HPV) (16/18/31/33/35/39/45/51/52/56/58/59/66/68). The Aptima HPV assay does not discriminate between the 14 high-risk types, so every test that is positive will be reflexed to the Aptima HPV 16 18/45 genotype assay which can differentiate HPV 16 from HPV 18 and/or HPV 45, but does not differentiate between HPV 18 and HPV 45.

**Test Name:** HPV mRNA E6/E7 with RFLX (HPV MRNA)

**Performing Laboratory:** Quest Diagnostics

**Acceptable Specimens:** Specimens collected from Endocervical, Cervical, Vaginal, Penis, and, Urethra.

**Minimum Volume:** 1.5 mL

**Stability:** Transport specimen room temperature.

**Rejection:** Cervical swabs in Digene® HC cervical sampler • Digene® vials • Swabs • SurePath™ vials • Received frozen

**CPT:** 87624

**Client List Price:** $53.00

**Patient/Insurance Price:** $53.00

**Notes:** If HPV mRNA E6/E7 is detected, HPV Genotypes 16, 18/45 will be performed at an additional charge.

Corteva COVID Screen Test

All Corteva COVID Screen Test collection vials must be submitted for testing as follows:

1) The vial must be placed back into the smaller baggie and **the vial number must match the baggie number.** Failure to match will result in rejected specimens.

2) Place the smaller baggie w/vial and the test requisition into a BioHazard bag for transport to the Laboratory.

Please contact Teresa McDonough, Business Development Coordinator at 515-643-2701 with any questions.

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