

Laboratory Update

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BK Virus DNA, PCR Urine Specimen Collection Test Update:

- BK Virus DNA, PCR Quantitative, Urine [LAB1375]
- BK Virus DNA, PCR Qualitative, Urine [LAB4208]

Stability:

Room temperature: 24 hours

Refrigerated: 24 hours

Frozen: Unacceptable

Specimen Preparation:

Collect neat urine in a screw capped plastic container. Thoroughly mix urine by inverting or vortexing the collection cup immediately prior to transfer into the **Alinity Urine Transport Tube**. Use the plastic transfer pipette to transfer the urine until the liquid level falls within the fill window on the tube label. Urine must be transferred within 24 hours of collection.

****If the specimen won't reach the lab within 24 hours, it must be transferred into an Alinity Urine Transport Tube, available via the MercyOne Supply Portal.**

D-Dimer Testing: Critical Result Notification

Effective immediately, D-Dimer results ≥ 0.5 now are classified as critical values. This change requires that providers be notified within 30 minutes of result verification.