

CENTRA CARE Laboratory Services

MEMO

TO: CCLS Clients
FROM: CentraCare Laboratory Services
DATE: 12/16/15
SUBJECT: Bordetella Rapid Panel

Effective **12/22/15**, CCLS will offer a rapid molecular test panel for Bordetella, LAB0233401 (Sunquest code: BRP). The panel will replace the current LAB0232918 (Sunquest code: BPM) test that is being sent to Mayo and includes the following components:

Bacteria

Bordetella pertussis

Bordetella parapertussis/bronchiseptica

Bordetella holmesii

Specimen Collection:

1. Collect a nasopharyngeal specimen using a flexible flocked swab.
2. Break off nasopharyngeal swab in the Universal Transport Medium (red cap) for transport.



3. The specimen is stable for 48 hours refrigerated at 2-8°C in viral transport media.
4. Individually bag specimens for transportation to reduce contamination risk.

Due to the sensitivity of this PCR testing, it is highly recommended that precautions be taken to prevent cross contamination when collecting specimens. The CDC has provided guidance at <http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/clinical/diagnostic-testing/specimen-collection.html>.

Supplies:

You may contact CCLS for Universal Viral Transport Kits.

Please contact Microbiology at 320-251-2700 ext. 57311 with any questions.