



Memorandum Micro #190

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Subject: Changes in Collection Method for VZV PCR, Blood

Effective immediately, the preferred collection method for Varicella Zoster PCR, Blood (LAB5685) is changing to a Pearl Top Tube (PPT). Purple/lavender top EDTA tubes will not be rejected. The collection volume and turnaround time is not affected by this change.

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