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New Test Offering at JMC- Rapid Molecular RSV (LAB123334)
Replaces RSV direct antigen testing
Effective October 19, 2017

This new test, run on the Alere-I, utilizes isothermal nucleic acid amplification for the differential and qualitative detection of RSV RNA. It is significantly faster than other molecular methods and more accurate than conventional rapid methods.

There is no age limitation for this test, it can be ordered on any patient that exhibits a clinical picture that suggests the possibility of RSV.

Nasopharyngeal Swabs should be submitted using the swabs provided from the laboratory.

Alternative swabs are: Rayon, Foam, HydraFlock® Flocked swab (standard tip), Copan standard Flocked swab. Samples should be tested as soon as possible. Nasal swab can be held in the original package at room temp (18-22°C) for up to 2 hours and refrigerated up to 24 hours from collection.

Limitations:

1. This test should not be performed on visibly bloody swabs.
2. This swab **cannot** be used for both the FLU (nasal swab) and the RSV (nasopharyngeal swab) testing due to different sites being required.

***If you have any questions call JMC at 304-728-1759**