



TEST CHANGE: GROUP B STREPTOCOCCUS (GBS) BY PCR
NOTIFICATION DATE: 7/17/2023
EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/24/2023

Affected Tests Name- GROUP B STREPTOCOCCUS (GBS) BY PCR

TESTCODE: LAB1230003 AND LAB12300031

EXPLANATION: Due to the Hologic Panther Fusion GBS Assay coming back to the market, test number LAB1230003 and LAB12300031 will be performed in the molecular diagnostics laboratory on July 24, 2023. This assay will still be polymerase chain reaction (PCR) based. This method will be replaced with the current PCR method from the Cepheid Gene Xpert GBS assay.

METHOD: Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

REFERENCE VALUES: Negative

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS: Anal/vaginal swab using BBL Culture Swab Liquid Stuart (single or double)

SPECIMEN REJECTION CRITERIA: Non-validated sample type, specimen container not labeled properly, broken specimen container, sample greater than 7 days since collection, or frozen samples.

SPECIMEN STABILITY INFORMATION: Refrigerated: 7 days, swab inserted into enriched LIM Broth Media

DAYS TEST SET UP: Sunday-Saturday, daily

QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS TESTING:

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