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Test Update Influenza Testing

Effective 1/15/2013, the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory will change the algorithm for Influenza A/B testing.

- A new test, Influenza A/B PCR (FLUABPCR) with a same-day turn around time will substitute for the Influenza A/B Rapid Antigen (FLU A/B) **between the hours of 6:30 AM and 2:00 PM**. Any Influenza A/B Rapid Antigen (FLU A/B) test request received during these hours will be cancelled and reordered as a FLUABPCR.
- Influenza A/B Rapid Antigen (FLU A/B) with a same-day turn around time will be offered **between 2:01 PM and 6:29 AM**. If the result is negative, a FLUABPCR will be performed automatically on the next testing day.
- Influenza A/B Rapid Antigen & culture (FLU AB/C) will be discontinued.

Test Name	NEW TEST: FLUABPCR (Influenza A/B PCR)	FLU A/B (Influenza A/B Rapid Antigen)
Method	Cepheid Xpert Flu Assay	Binax NOW Influenza A and B
Specimen	Respiratory samples and CSF	Respiratory samples
Sample Requirements	1.0 mL	1.0 mL
Performed	Daily 6:30am to 2:00pm	Daily 2:01pm to 6:29am
Turnaround Time	Same day	Same day
CPT Code(s)	87502 , 87503	87400 x2

If you have any questions or special concerns, contact the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory Molecular Diagnostics Department at 720-848-6892 or visit our website at <http://www.uch.edu/for-healthcare-professional/Clinical-Laboratory/index.aspx> for additional information.

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