

LAB ALERT: New Group A Rapid STREP PCR Test

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

Effective October 18th, 2023 rapid testing for Group A Strep from throat swabs will transition from an antigen detection test to a more sensitive molecular method (PCR). The current test code: ALXSC will be replaced with a new order code GASPCR.

As is current practice for a negative antigen test, negative PCR tests will continue to reflex to culture.

Updated Specimen Type: This test will now be collected using an e-swab (RPS Supply #MICRO124 or MICRO125). **Red culturette swabs will not be accepted.**



Interface Build:

Please deactivate test code ALXSC

OrderCode	OrderName	ResultCode	ResultName	LOINC	CPT
GASPCR	GROUP A STREP PCR	SDES	Specimen Source	31208-2	87651
GASPCR	GROUP A STREP PCR	SREQ	Additional Info	48767-8	
GASPCR	GROUP A STREP PCR	GASDNA	Group A Strep DNA		
GASPCR	GROUP A STREP PCR	CULT	Culture Result	41852-5	
GASPCR	GROUP A STREP PCR	RPT	Report Status		

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