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Confirmatory Testing Delay for HIV-1 Western Blot and HIV-2 EIA

Overview:

Currently, there are limited supplies of the reagents used for HIV-1 Western Blot and HIV-2 EIA testing. In order to conserve the remaining reagent, a controlled process of batch testing was implemented. Therefore, you will likely see additional delays in receiving these supplemental test results. Unfortunately, this situation is expected to continue for several weeks.

Please be assured that all samples determined to be repeatedly reactive for Anti-HIV 1/2 using the Abbott PRISM will be separated and frozen until the HIV-1 Western Blot and HIV-2 EIA tests can be performed. Once additional Bio-Rad test kits are available, any backlog of samples requiring HIV-1 Western Blot or HIV-2 EIA supplemental testing will be performed within two to three weeks.

We apologize for this inconvenience and thank you in advance for your support. We will notify you as soon as this situation changes.

Impact to the Clients:

- HIV-1 Western Blot and HIV-2 EIA testing on samples testing positive for Anti-HIV 1/2 will be delayed.

Client Action Required:

- Notify appropriate staff.

Questions and Additional Information:
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