



ALERT

TO: All Regional Medical Laboratory Clients

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SUBJECT: West Nile Virus Serology Testing

DATE: August 28, 2012

Regional Medical Laboratory (RML) has been notified by Focus Diagnostics, the sole manufacturer of IgM and IgG Anti-West Nile Virus (WNV) assays, that all orders for WNV detection kits have been backordered until September 4th. RML does have IgG anti-WNV reagents and should be able to continue testing through Thursday, August 30; however, we are completely out of IgM anti-WNV. Focus Diagnostics is working to release their next available lot of WNV kits by September 4. This problem is not unique to RML and is due to the increased demand nationwide. Other reference laboratories, including Focus' own reference laboratory are already out or will be out today or tomorrow.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please feel free to call Gerald C. Miller, Ph.D. or Mary Pille, MT(ASCP) at 918-744-2553 if you have questions.