



MEMORANDUM

To: All Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc. (RML) Clients

From: Regional Medical Laboratory, Inc.
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Date: October 22, 2019
Subject: BK Virus and EBV (Epstein Barr Virus) Quantitative Viral Load Testing

As of November 4th, Regional Medical Laboratory will be implementing new assays for BK Virus and EBV quantitative viral load testing. The new assays offer increased sensitivity (lower limit of detection).

Due to the change in assay sensitivity, RML will be offering no charge re-baselining for a period of 60 days. During this 60-day period, clients will order the **current** RML tests and the new assays will be performed in parallel. The current tests will be reported as usual, and results from the new tests will be reported via a weekly report distributed to each client. At the end of the 60-day period, only the new tests will be available.

During this re-baselining period **2 specimens** will need to be drawn on each patient. There is no change in specimen type. Below are the details of specimen collection:

Whole Blood specimen in EDTA Lavender top tube. Specimens should be centrifuged and 3 mL (1 mL) plasma removed from cells within 2-4 hrs of collection.

Stability:
Room Temperature: not acceptable
Refrigerated: 7days
Frozen: 30 days

For technical questions, please contact Kat Herman at 918-744-2500 x 15575 or Patti Loykasek at 918-744-3117 or Dr. Cindi Starkey at 918-744-2500 x 15537. For test order, specimen or result inquiries, please contact RML Client Services at 918-744-2500. For pricing information, please contact your RML sales representative.