



CLINICAL BULLETIN

MOLECULAR INFECTIOUS DISEASE PCR TESTING MENU UPDATE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31ST, 2025













Dear Valued Client,

As part of our commitment to supporting our partners in delivering the highest-quality, evidence-based care, Southwest Labs is refining our menu offerings to better align with the sites of care we serve, current clinical guidelines, and payer policies on what is considered medically reasonable and necessary for testing.

To ensure appropriate utilization and maintain compliance with evolving payer expectations, we will retire several test panels and implement targeted updates for others. Some panels remain the same, however the names of the organisms have been changed to reflect current taxonomy and meet the latest internationally-recognized nomenclature.

These adjustments reflect our dedication to advancing diagnostic accuracy while supporting healthcare providers with streamlined, clinically relevant testing options. If you have any questions regarding these updates or need assistance transitioning to the updated menus, please don't hesitate to contact our team.

Updated Resources: Updated Clinical Infectious Disease PCR Panel Resource Guides will be made available. This will include the changes summarized in this correspondence, and new test panel options tailored to your testing needs.

CURRENT PANEL	LISTED UPDATE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Pneumonia	 MAJOR UPDATE Panel Removed	This large panel has been broken down into smaller, targeted panels such as: Bronchitis, Pharyngitis/Laryngitis, Treatable Respiratory Viruses, and Extended Respiratory Viral/Acute Rhinosinusitis, which will remain available for use
Otolaryngology	 MAJOR UPDATE Panel Removed	While the fungal analytes in this panel will no longer be available, many of the viral and bacterial analytes will still be available through our respiratory menus, such as Pharyngitis/Laryngitis, Treatable Respiratory Viruses, and Extended Respiratory Viral/Acute Rhinosinusitis.
Complicated Genitourinary Infection	 MAJOR UPDATE Panel Removed	This larger panel has been broken down into smaller, targeted panels such as: Urethritis/Discharge, Vaginitis, Recurrent Vaginitis, Genital Lesion, and our FDA Sexual Health and Common Vaginitis panels, which will remain available for use.
Ophthalmology	 MAJOR UPDATE Panel Removed	Discontinued effective 12/31/2025. No longer available.
Travelers Diarrheal Disease	 MAJOR UPDATE Panel Removed	Discontinued effective 12/31/2025. No longer available.
Onychomycosis	 MAJOR UPDATE Panel Removed	Discontinued effective 12/31/2025. No longer available.
Pharyngitis/Laryngitis	 UPDATED Panel Components	Streptococcus dysgalactiae (Group C Strep) removed. Fusobacterium nucleatum, necrophorum moved to add-on.
Urinary Tract Infection	 UPDATED Panel Components	Streptococcus pyogenes (Group A Strep) removed
Urinary Tract Infection + High Risk Sexual Behavior	 UPDATED Panel Components	Streptococcus pyogenes (Group A Strep) removed.
Genital Lesion	 UPDATED Panel Components	Varicella zoster virus removed.
Vaginitis	 UPDATED Panel Components	Pathogen name changed from Atopobium vaginae to Fannyhessea (Atopobium) vaginae.
Recurrent Vaginitis	 UPDATED Panel Components	Pathogen name changed from Atopobium vaginae to Fannyhessea (Atopobium) vaginae.



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Pediatric Diarrheal Disease	UPDATED Panel Components	Added: Enterotoxigenic E. coli (ETEC) Removed: Sapovirus & Rotavirus groups B & C only. Added to Add-On: Clostridiodes difficile (toxins A, B).
Diarrheal Disease	UPDATED Panel Components	New Panel Name: Adult Diarrheal Disease Added: Enteropathogenic E. coli (EPEC), Enterotoxigenic E. coli (ETEC), & Adenovirus F40/41 Removed: Clostridium perfringens & Rotavirus Moved to Add-On: Clostridiodes difficile (toxins A, B)
Deep/Non-Healing Wound	UPDATED Panel Components	Pathogen name updated from Cutibacterium (Propionibacterium) acnes to Cutibacterium acnes.
Tinea	UPDATED Panel Components	Analyte Name Change from Candida auris to Candidozyma (Candida) auris.

Please contact your local sales representative for more information.

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