

Memorandum

To: Paed, ED, General Medicine, AMU, Haematology, ICU, Pathlab

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SUBJECT: Respiratory Virus Testing Available 2018

Standard panel of 3: Influenza A, Influenza B, RSV

Method: Batch testing by in house PCR panel or one off by GeneXpert
Routine testing for the 3 viruses that make up 90% of positives.

On request: hMPV, Adenovirus

Stand alone assays, easy to run but not usually required.

Extended panel of 21: includes Rhinoviruses, Mycoplasma pneumoniae,
Coronaviruses, Parainfluenzaviruses and others.

Cost \$100 and run as a one off.

Recommended for immunocompromised and special cases
by discussion with clinical microbiologist

We are introducing a new nasopharyngeal swab which is soft, flexible and fine plastic. The end can be snapped off into the green cap tube. Please label these as "NPS". We will not test "low nose", "nasal" or "throat" swabs for virus.

