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INFLUENZA VIRUS MULTIPLEX PCR (QUALITATIVE)

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Lab Section Category	Molecular Diagnostics - Microbiology Click here to find out more about the write-up (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/moleculardiagnosics.aspx).
Indications	For detection of Influenza A, Influenza B, Influenza A/H1N1/2009 and Influenza A/H3N2 RNA.
Specimen Required	Nasal/ throat / nasopharyngeal swabs: Use only Dacron-tipped or Copan flocced swab. Send dry in sterile container or swab sheath. (Note: Combined nose and throat swabs are better than single nasal or throat swabs.)
Storage and Transport	Refrigerate sample until transfer to laboratory. Do not freeze . Send sample at 2 - 8°C (with an ice-pack). Sample must reach laboratory within 24 hours after collection.
Method	Multiplex reverse-transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (In-house real-time)
Test Result	Detected, Not Detected or Inconclusive
Turnaround Time	1 working day
Day(s) Test Set up	Monday - Saturday

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