



Technical Bulletin

Rapid Multiplex Pneumonia Panel Available at Central

TO: Medical Staff and Clients

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SUBJECT: New Pneumonia Panel detects thirty-three (33) pathogen and drug resistance genes

Effective July 6, 2020, the DLS Central Molecular Laboratory will perform the BioFire Diagnostics, LLC (BioFire) FilmArray Pneumonia Panel. It is a multiplex nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) for the simultaneous detection and identification of various bacteria and viruses, as well as select antimicrobial resistance genes, from lower respiratory tract specimens from patients suspected to have infection.

The overall performance in bronchoalveolar lavage was 96.2% Sensitive and 98.3% Specific. Performance in sputum (including endotracheal aspirate) was similar at 96.3% Sensitive and 97.2% Specific. Performance of specific targets and combinations are available at: <https://www.online-ifu.com/ITI0075/25047/EN>.

VIRUSES: Adenovirus, Coronavirus (not SARS-COV-2/COVID-19), Human Metapneumovirus, Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus, Influenza A, Influenza B, Parainfluenza Virus, Respiratory Syncytial Virus

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE GENES:

Methicillin resistance: <i>mecA/C</i> and MREJ	Carbapenemases: KPC, NDM, Oxa-48-like, VIM, IMP	ESBL: CTX-M
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BACTERIA, Semi-Quantitative ($\geq 10^4$)*: *Acinetobacter calcoaceticus-baumannii* complex, *Enterobacter cloacae* complex, *Escherichia coli*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Klebsiella (Enterobacter) aerogenes*, *Klebsiella oxytoca*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* group, *Moraxella catarrhalis*, *Proteus* spp., *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Serratia marcescens*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*

*Many of these organisms are normally in the respiratory track in low numbers, so detection of at least 10^4 is intended to indicate sufficient quantities that may correlate with colonization and/or infection

ATYPICAL BACTERIA, Qualitative: *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, *Legionella pneumophila*, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*

Test	Specimen	Unit Code	Collection	Turn-around Time
Pneumonia Panel PCR	Sputum, induced sputum, ET aspirate, BAL	7212	Daily	2-3 hours after receipt of sample

Specimen stability is 1 day from time of collection at 2-8°C (refrigerated).

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