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Subject: Name change for HIV test order

The current test name for HIV testing, “HIV1 and HIV2 Antibodies,” will be changed to “HIV-1/2 Antigen-Antibody” **effective Monday March 6, 2023**. The current test name will be a synonym and the HIV-1 p24 antigen test will also be a synonym. Current preference lists and order sets will be updated with the new name.

The test name is being changed to correctly reflect the current generation measuring system which detects the HIV-1 p24 antigen in addition to HIV1 and HIV2 antibodies. The new test name is consistent with CDC recommendations and nomenclature.

Positive test results by the initial combination immunoassay performed at the VCUH laboratory will continue to be sent to Lab Corp for confirmatory testing which includes an HIV-1/HIV-2 antibody differentiation immunoassay, followed by the HIV-1 nucleic acid test when the antibody differentiation results are negative or indeterminate.

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