HIV Confirmation Assay

On October 24, 2018, the chemistry laboratory will begin performing the HIV 1 & 2 Antibody Confirmation and Differentiation assay in-house. Currently, all HIV 1 & 2 Antibody Confirmation and Differentiation assays are sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories (MML) for testing. The UVMMC laboratory will be performing the HIV 1 & 2 Antibody Confirmation and Differentiation assay on the same platform utilized by MML, the Bio-Rad Geenius™ HIV 1/2 Confirmation Assay which is an immunochromatographic test for the detection of individual antibodies to HIV Types 1 & 2.

The HIV 1 & 2 Antibody Confirmation and Differentiation assay will still be a reflex order (Order code HIVDI replacing Order code HIVDIF) only for samples that test positive on the HIV 1 & 2 Antibody Screen (Order code: HIVSCN / LAB159 and HIVSS2 / LAB473) or for referring hospital use only. The results will be reported the same as well in EPIC. The only difference you will see is in the comment section of the assay results the performing lab will be listed as UVMMC, not MML.

If you have any questions concerning this change please contact Dr. Clayton Wilburn (clayton.wilburn@uvmhealth.org) in the laboratory.