

REFERRAL TEST UPDATE

NOTIFICATION DATE: January 18, 2011 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 7, 2011

VARICELLA-ZOSTER VIRUS (VZV) DIRECT DETECTION, DFA #91752

EXPLANATION OF CHANGE: *Effective February 7, 2011,* Unit Code 91752, referred to Focus Diagnostics, Inc., will reflect the below changes.

	Previous	New
Always	Not Detected	Not Detected
Message		
	The sensitivity of this test is highly	
	dependent upon proper collection of an	
	adequate patient specimen and upon	
	the age of the lesion. Specimens should	
	be collected by scraping the base of a	
	fresh vesicular lesion. A sufficient	
	number of cells from the lesion must	
	be collected for optimal performance	
	of this test. Poor sample quality may	
	cause direct specimens to be falsely	
	negative or inadequate for analysis.	

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