

NCD Lab Test Changes – Effective 1/5/2026

Flu A & B and RSV tests on Solana machines, is moving to Abbott ID Now machines.

- ❑ Due to availability of reagents no longer available from manufacturer after 12/31/2025
- ❑ End of Life for the Solana Instrumentation

Changes in Specimen Collections for Flu A/B

- ❑ Facilities will continue to collect **Nasal Swab**. Use the swabs provided in the test kit (Contact Lab for swab if not available on unit)
- ❑ Note: Alternatively, Universal Transport Media, sterile rayon, foam, flocked swab (standard tip), flocked swab (mini tip), Copan Mini Tip Flocked Swab, or Copan Standard Flocked swabs can be used to collect nasal swab samples.

Changes in Specimen Collections for RSV

- ❑ Facilities will continue to collect **Nasopharyngeal Swab**. Use the swabs provided in the test kit. (Contact lab for swab if not available on unit)
- ❑ Alternatively, Universal Transport Media, sterile rayon, foam, or flocked flexible-shaft NP swabs can be used to collect nasopharyngeal samples.

Changes in Beta Strep Complete A,C,G by PCR - Not Longer Available

- ❑ Beta Strep Complete by PCR will not be offered on new test platform. A throat culture will be ordered and performed. Continue to collect dual swabs.



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Changes in Test Ordering – See Crosswalk below

Current State	Future State
Influenzae A/B PCR	Influenza A/B (NAAT)
Influenza A/B PCR w/Reflex to RSV/hMPV	No replacement
Influenza A/B Antigen w/Reflex RSV/hMPV	No replacement
RSV/hMPV (hMetapneumovirus) by PCR	RSV (NAAT) (<18 or >=60 years old)
Beta Strep Complete A, C, G by PCR	Throat Culture (existing order)

Note: Patient swabs will be sent to the Lab for testing. Each test will need to be ordered separately, and a swab sent for each.

C Diff Reflex

- ☐ Orders for C diff will not change. If reflex is needed it will transfer to Central Lab for testing.



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Wound of the Week (WOW!): What the What?

- The Sacral Bordered foam is both a preventive AND a wound dressing.
- Other dressings, especially gauze, Viscopaste or Xeroform are not appropriate under it.
 - They may cause excess moisture and friction which can damage skin



Only use other kinds of dressings under the bordered foams when there is a dressing change order to do so

American Red Cross Skills

Do you need assistance completing hands on portion of American Red Cross BLS, ALS, or PALS? Then come to our skills sessions and let one of our educators help you master your skills!

No registration required.

Be sure you have completed the American Red Cross BLS, ALS, or PALS modules, exam, and evaluation in HealthStream before coming to the hands on skills session. You will also need your HStream account name and password.

When & Where

Date	Day	Time	Location
1/9	Friday	700-900	1 Hospital Dr Suite 102 Sim Lab Conference Room
1/23	Friday	700-900	1 Hospital Dr Suite 102 Sim Lab Conference Room
2/13	Friday	700-900	1 Hospital Dr Suite 102 Sim Lab Conference Room
2/27	Friday	700-900	1 Hospital Dr Suite 102 Sim Lab Conference Room
3/13	Friday	700-900	1 Hospital Dr Suite 102 Sim Lab Conference Room
3/27	Friday	700-900	1 Hospital Dr Suite 102 Sim Lab Conference Room

Due to the unpredictable nature of weather in Western North Carolina, November 1-May 1 please call 828-213-1283 prior to reporting to class. If an inclement weather event occurs that makes travel unsafe, classes will be delayed to another day. If classes are delayed, a message will be recorded on the class voicemail. If delayed, a message will be posted by 7 am.

Current quarterly skill session flyer may also be found on the North Carolina Center for Clinical Advancement SharePoint site: [American Red Cross](#)