

LAB ALERT: New Method for Norovirus Detection

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To: South Dakota Public Health Laboratory Clientele

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On October 6, 2017 the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory (SDPHL) will discontinue Norovirus PCR (NORO). The SDPHL will instead offer the Gastrointestinal Pathogens Panel (GIP). The GIP is a multiplex PCR panel that can detect 23 of the most common pathogens that cause gastroenteritis in the United States including Norovirus. The GIP is a highly sensitive and specific molecular test performed on stool in Cary Blair. In most cases, the SDPHL can provide same-day results using the GIP. Please refer to the previous Lab Alert “Implementation of Viral Molecular Panels at the South Dakota Public Health Laboratory” for additional details on the Gastrointestinal Pathogens Panel (GIP).

Discontinued Test

Norovirus PCR (NORO)

Order Instead

Gastrointestinal Pathogens Panel (GIP)

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