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Memo To: Clients
Re: **Notice – Quantitative BKV PCR Assay Revision**

ICL is distributing this Notice to clients referring quantitative BKV performed at Mount Sinai Hospital.

As of 21st January 2019, a new altona AltoStar® instrument together with its associated BKV assay will replace the current altona RealStar BKV assay. This change has been made as a result of the introduction of the new assay by altona Diagnostics Inc. The major difference in assay performance includes a lower limit of quantitation for the AltoStar® BKV PCR: **2.00E+2 IU/mL** (previously 1.00E+1 IU/mL).

Specimen collection and ordering procedures remain the same. The name of the assay used to perform BKV PCR testing will continue to appear on each report to avoid any confusion as to which assay was used.

ICL HL7 Setup Codes

(REF Code)	(RES Codes)	
Order Code: BKV P	Result Code: 28225 PCR for BK Virus(Blood)	Units: IU/mL
Order Code: BKV U	Result Code: 28228 PCR for BK Virus(Urine)	Units: IU/mL

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