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Enterovirus RNA Amplification and Detection Procedures added	November 01, 2008	Dr. T. Mazzulli
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Appendix II to IV BD ProbeTec related documents removed	October 17, 2012	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Added HPV testing	December 12, 2012	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Added Focus Simplexa Flu A/B and RSV testing	December 12, 2012	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Moved RotorGene Flu and RSV tests to Appendix II and III for backup use	December 12, 2012	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Renumbered procedures	December 12, 2012	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Revised Positive C. diff resulting message	February 05, 2013	Dr. T. Mazzulli
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MPX procedure updates	December 9th, 2013	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Simplexa Flu A/B and RSV reporting procedure updated	December 18, 2013	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Simplexa Flu A/B and RSV testing procedure updated	January 15, 2014	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Addition of Appendix IV: Simplexa A/B/RSV worksheet	January 24, 2014	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Manual Creation: Cobas Ampliprep/TaqMan CMV PCR MI/MD/19/v01	February 21, 2014	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Reporting C.diff GeneExpert Updating	April 14, 2014	Dr. T. Mazzulli
C.diff reporting update, WNV PCR manual and WNV PCR abbreviated appendix dry spin time update. Annual Review	May 28, 2014	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Removed Luminex, HBV DNA, HCV RNA procedure Updated MPX NAT to new version and in its own manual as well as WNV NAT Updated Virology accessioning chart to its own manual Move Easymag manuals to Appendix Updated APPENDIX I - Molecular Diagnostic Tests Schedule	November 3, 2014	Dr. T. Mazzulli

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Parainfluenza and human Metapneumovirus procedure added	February 18, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Update C.diff comments	February 26, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Parainfluenza and human Metapneumovirus BIORAD procedure added	March 15, 2015	
Added C. diff with eSwab section	May 6, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Added links for BK/EBV to calculation excel worksheet	May 6, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
p.8 BK general precautions modified	May 6, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Added introduction and specimen collection/transport to BKV section and updated materials section	May 6, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Adenovirus PCR by Rotorgene Section Added in	May 6, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Added: ROTORGENE QC Semi-Annual: Perform optical temperature verification	June 15, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Annual Review Added Appendix XI – Rotorgene Optical Temperature Verification (OTV) Procedure Added link in WNV PCR to OTV Procedure Added PCR ordering chart to accessioning section	June 15, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Updated BK Virus procedure	June 25, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Updated BK Manual section, Updated full EBV manual BK and EBV manual addition of summary information	July 16, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
South West Health Ordering information added to PCR accessing chart.	August 12, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Virology specimen accessioning guide changes: -add tx pt to edta for hz, -add pleural to peritoneal/pericardial fluids (entero) -removed “if requested” Entero from BALs -removed adeno to PHL from eye specimens (done in house)	September 1, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli

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Influenza Simplexa section: - added report using virology worklist Respiratory PCR - Error EC500 retest 1:10 - Add media PRABR if retesting simplexa sample - Add dates in media PCABR WNV Rotorgene: - Removed use of 72-well rotor parts - Document which rotorgene was used (blue or red) - Removed Red Channel RSV A (typo) p.172 - Reporting section: note for positives to re-extract from original clot and re run, for donors repeat in duplicates & record CT values in PCWNV media.	September 11, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
-Updated troubleshooting section Influenza Simplexa manual & added instructions for insufficient sample error. -Reorganize manuals alphabetically	September 25, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Under trouble shooting section of manuals: MPX NAT, WNV NAT, Chlamydia PCR added to the table if IC fails: First time: repeat Second time: result as invalid with result comment @SPIN “Likely due to specimen integrity, unable to obtain valid test result after repeated attempts.” Added BK BIO RAD section	October 7, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Virology Accessioning Chart changes: Adeno request for stool send to PHL, parvo request on plasma: requires microbiologist approval	October 15, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Under Virology ordering chart added link to Send out Manual for processing specimens to be send for external testing.	October 20, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Updated MPX NAT and WNV NAT to include storage temperature of reagents Updated WNV storage conditions of specimen	October 26, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli

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Mycobacterium tuberculosis & Rifampicin resistance PCR by Cepheid GeneXpert Added Virology worksheets Added Respiratory Panel Luminex manual added VRE Cepheid Added	February 10, 2015	Dr. T. Mazzulli
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Removed Simplexa manual - no longer in use. Influenza AB & RSV PCR by Focus Diagnostics Simplexa™ CRE PCR link added	September 7, 2016	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Annual Review Removed Enterovirus by Light Cycler and replaced with Enterovirus CSF by Cepheid Procedure.	April 6, 2017	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Addition of Cytomegalovirus Quantitative PCR by Cobas® 6800	May 29, 2017	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Clostridium difficile PCR by Luminex ARIES®	September 30, 2017	Dr. T. Mazzulli
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Archival of Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV Donor Screen NAT PCR by Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV Donor Screen NAT PCR by Cobas® s201 Ampliprep TaqMan & WNV by Cobas s201 Ampliprep TaqMan	February 19, 2018	Dr. T. Mazzulli
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Addition of Qualification for CFX96 Deep Well TM Real-Time System	June 15, 2018	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Addition of Pneumocystis jirovecii (PJP) Quantitative PCR Bio-Rad CFX96 manual	December 5, 2018	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Annual Review EBV and BK Altona manuals added	January 20, 2019	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Updated CTNG manual to 6800 procedures	December 13, 2019	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Annual Review Removal of VRE by Light Cyler Removed epimotion manual Addition of SARS-CoV-2 Manual	March 15, 2020	Dr. T. Mazzulli
Addition of SARS-CoV-2 Virus PCR by Luminex Aries SARS-CoV-2 PCR by Altona RealStar	May 15, 2020	Dr. T. Mazzulli

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Added Cepheid genexpert for covid	Nov 9, 2021	Wayne Chiu
Added Abbott ID now for covid	Dec 24, 2021	Wayne Chiu
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Renamed link for Clostridium difficile to C difficile	Nov 17, 2022	Wayne Chiu
Fixed hyperlinks for C difficile documents	Feb 2, 2023	Wayne Chiu
Removed IDnow hyperlink, test discontinued	Feb 28, 2023	Wayne Chiu
Addition of HHV6 PCR Removal of SARS by Altona PCR	July 28, 2023	Jessica Bourke
Fixed Respiratory Multiplex test link Removed (archived) SARS VOC procedure no longer performed. Removed TB/RIF by Cepheid link. Test archived.	February 6, 2024	Jessica Bourke
Fixed test links Updates SARS-CoV-2 Respiratory Pathogen Panel by NxTAG to Respiratory Pathogen Panel by NxTAG	February 15, 2024	Jessica Bourke
Added para-link of SARS-CoV-2 Flu RSV PCR by Cepheid GeneXpert	March 25, 2024	Qin Liu

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