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Current test guidelines require all positive HIV-1,2 antibody results by enzyme immunoassay (EIA) to be confirmed by a second test, currently the HIV-1,2 Antibody EIA with Reflex Western Blot Confirmation (test code: HIVR).

As of October 9, 2012, the HIV-1,2 Antibody by EIA assay (test code: HIV) was retired in order to conform to the current test guidelines. Providers should order HIV-1,2 ANTIBODY, EIA WITH CONFIRMATION **EVALUATION** (test code: HIVR), for the routine diagnosis of nonneonatal HIV infection. This test will automatically add confirmatory testing when the initial HIV-1,2 EIA result is positive.

Please contact Dr. Thomas Novicki, or Dr. Thomas Fritsche with questions regarding this testing. For any technical questions please contact Dr. Annu Khajuria or Bryan Robeson. (Ext. 1-6700, or 715-221-6700). 🧖



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