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Laboratory Technical Bulletin

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Title: HIV Testing- Specimen Requirements

Test: HIV

Explanation of change: HIV testing will require two tubes. HIV screening tests are performed at Cayuga Medical Center, with serum. If HIV screening test is Presumptive positive, samples are sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories for HIV-1 and HIV-2 Antibody Confirmation and Differentiation. Mayo recently changed specimen requirements for the testing, and requires an EDTA (lavender top) tube.

	Old	New
<i>Specimen</i>	SST (serum)	SST tube(serum) and Lavender top (EDTA) tube (plasma)
<i>Volume Required</i>	6 mL serum-One SST tube	6 mL serum-One SST tube 1 mL Lavender top(EDTA)
<i>Turnaround time</i>	Same	Same

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