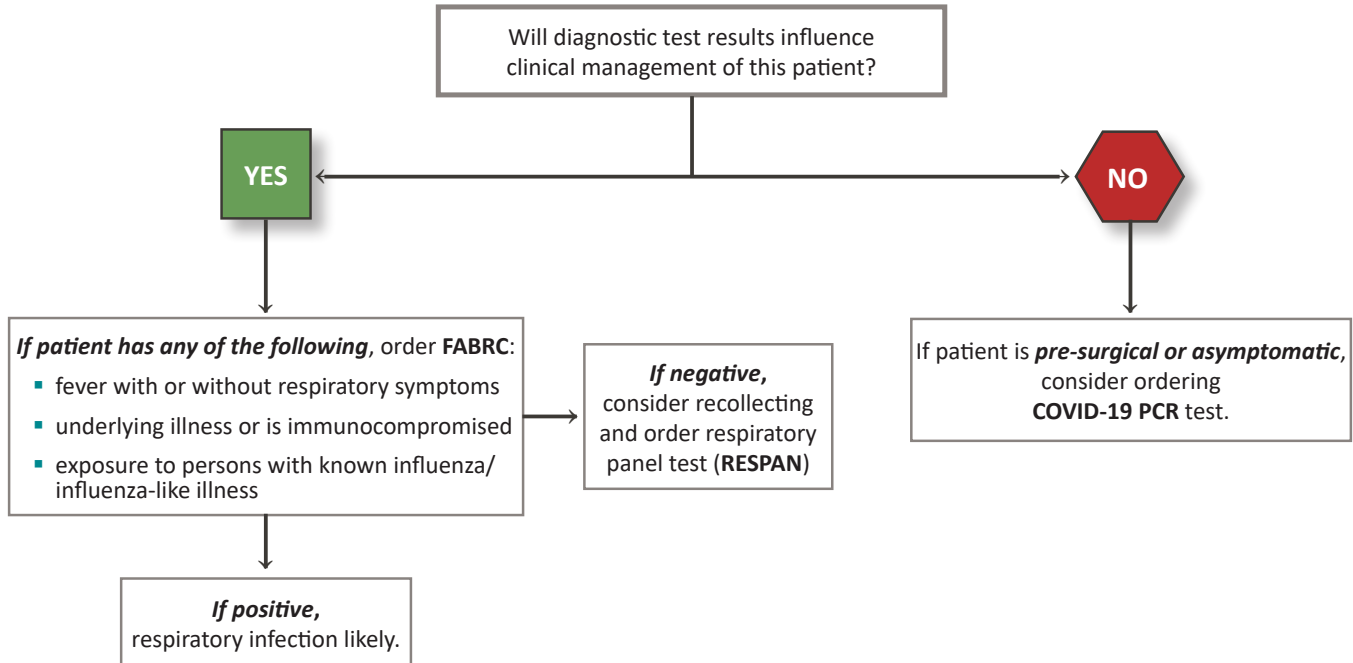





TESTING FOR INFLUENZA VIRUS A/B, RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV), AND COVID-19

TriCore is pleased to announce a new test for influenza virus A/B, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19, **FABRC** (Covid-19 FLUAB RSV by PCR). This test replaces the FLURSV test code. The symptoms for influenza virus A/B, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19 are all similar, and it may be difficult to distinguish between the respiratory viruses based on symptoms alone. Testing individuals with respiratory illness or influenza-like-illness for both influenza and COVID-19 is highly recommended to confirm a diagnosis. It is also highly recommended because the viruses are treated differently.



Patients ≤5 years of age will be tested for Influenza A, Influenza B, RSV, and SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) under the FABRC test code. Patients >5 years of age will be tested for Influenza A, Influenza B, and SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) under the FABRC test code. Providers should order a respiratory panel test for patients >5 years of age needing RSV testing.

The FABRC test requires the collection of a nasopharyngeal or nasal sample using flocked swab and placement of swab into transport media. Multiple tests can be performed on one specimen if all tests are ordered at the same time. Tests cannot be added on to existing specimens. Testing is performed daily, and results are reported within 72 hours of receipt into the laboratory.

COLLECTION CONTAINER	 <p>Universal viral transport media</p>	 <p>Abbott multi-collect tube</p>	 <p>Hologic Aptima tube</p>
TESTS PERFORMED IF ORDERED AT THE SAME TIME	COVID, FABRC (includes COVID), RESPAN (includes all FABRC targets), PPRT	COVID only	COVID only