



**TEST INFORMATION UPDATE**  
**EBV Antibody - Immunofluorescence Assay**  
**Test Discontinued**  
**Effective Date: January 10, 2023**

## Termination of Epstein-Barr Virus Antibody Immunofluorescence Assay

VUMC Diagnostic Laboratories will discontinue Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) antibody immunofluorescence assay (IFA) confirmation testing for specimens with equivocal or inconclusive EBV antibody results, effective January 10, 2023, due to the reagents being discontinued by the manufacturer.

### Potential Patient Care Impact:

A slight increase in the number of equivocal and inconclusive results will be reported. For these cases, submission of a new specimen, if clinically warranted, is recommended. In selected cases (equivocal VCA IgM, VCA IgM positive only, VCA IgG positive only), performing an EBV viral load assay may also help resolve these results.

### Reference:

De Paschale M, Clerici P. Serological diagnosis of Epstein-Barr virus infection: Problems and solutions. World J Virol. 2012 Feb 12;1(1):31-43.