

**LABELING REQUIREMENTS**

All retrievable samples received at Physicians Laboratory Services must be labeled with the patient’s full first and last name and at least one other unique identifier. This identifier can be the patient’s date of birth, medical record number, or requisition number. Initials and nicknames will not be accepted. Please note that the information provided on the requisition and specimen must be identical. All retrievable samples that the laboratory receives unlabeled or mislabeled will be rejected and will need to be recollected; samples will not be returned to the client facility. Please see below for definitions of retrievable and irretrievable specimens.

<b>Retrievable Specimens</b>	<b>Irretrievable Specimens</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throat swabs including nasopharyngeal swabs</li> <li>• Urine</li> <li>• Stool</li> <li>• Sputum</li> <li>• Blood (Non-pediatric collections)</li> <li>• Arterial Blood (Drawn from arterial line)</li> <li>• Semen Analysis</li> <li>• Nipple discharge if able to recollect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cerebrospinal fluid</li> <li>• Body fluids (non-urine)</li> <li>• Cord blood</li> <li>• Bone marrow</li> <li>• Wound cultures</li> <li>• Operating room cultures</li> <li>• Cultures taken before initiation of antibiotics</li> <li>• Arterial blood drawn from wrist</li> <li>• Anatomic pathology specimens               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Biopsy</li> <li>-Resections</li> <li>-Pap smears</li> <li>-Fine needle aspirations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Toxicology specimens, including urine drug screens</li> </ul>

**ALERE™ i INFLUENZA A & B – EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

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**\*\*Please Update the CPT Code & Test Description in all LIS and EMR Systems\*\***

Collect: Nasopharyngeal Swab in M4 Viral Transport Media  
 Stability: Refrigerated 24 hours.  
 Performed: Mon – Sun. Reported Same Day.  
 CPT Code: 87502  
 Test Number: 1592  
 Cost: \$65.00