

# Memo

To: AML Reference Laboratory Clients  
From: Allina Medical Laboratories, Reference Laboratory Services  
Date: September 2, 2005  
Re: Viral Culture, General (VGC/7635) Clarifications/Corrections

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In the most recent copy of the AML Update newsletter, it was announced that ViroMed Laboratories is making a change in their viral culture system, in the addition of a new **General Viral Culture**.

The listing of test affected was not accurate.

Effective September 1, 2005, the following viral cultures will be replaced by the General Viral Culture, however, ***the old tests will remain orderable until September 30<sup>th</sup>***

Viral Culture – Throat	4727/VTH
Viral Culture – Eye	4719/VEY
Viral Culture – Dermal (Skin)	4725/VDM
Viral Culture – NP/Nasal	4722/VNA
Viral Culture – Oral	4721/VCG (this test was not previously listed)
Herpes Simplex Culture, Gentl-Child	5852/U12
Herpes Simplex Culture, Non-Gentl	5882/OHR
RSV Culture	4740/RSC

The previous article stated that the Viral Culture – Urine (4729/VUR) would be replaced by the VGC, but ***this test will not be affected by the change.***

***When submitting a viral culture specimen from any of these sources, please order a General Viral Culture (VGC).*** In order for the appropriate shell vial culture to be set up, it is very important that you ***indicate the source*** when submitting the specimen for this test.

**Test Name:** General Viral Culture  
**Test Code:** VGC/7635 (*number was not previously available*)  
**CPT:** Will vary dependent upon number of shell vials (87254-90) that are done, but all will have at least a tube culture (87252-90) billed. Possible shell vials that may be tested are: CMV, Herpes, Adenovirus, VZV, Parainfluenza and/or Influenza.  
**Price:** \$47.50