



EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 BK VIRAL LOAD TESTING CHANGE

Effective September 10, 2018, Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories will be changing the units on BK Viral Load testing from copies/mL and Log copies/mL to IU (International Units)/mL and Log IU/mL.

This change is due to the adoption of new calibration material, measured against the 1st WHO International Standard for BK Virus. The 1st International Standard for BK Virus was developed with the goal of standardizing results obtained across laboratories and assays.

Studies performed at Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories have demonstrated near equivalence of copies and IU in our BK Viral Load Testing. As such, no rebaselining period is needed.

We expect this change to have minimal impact on patient care, other than the potential to provide greater portability of results across laboratories that report results in IU.

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