FACT SHEET

Pneumonia PCR Panel (RP)

Test Description:

The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Laboratory (SLOPHL) performs a molecular amplification test for detection of a broad array of respiratory viruses and bacteria that cause pnuemonia by a multiplex nested real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) method with duplicate microarray targets.

PCR is most rapid and sensitive detection method, allowing specific identification of the infective agents and allowing the detection of multiple/co-infecting viruses. Rapid diagnosis allows for the use of antiviral drugs and proper antibiotic stewardship, decreasing hospital stay and charges. Identification of viruses causing outbreaks in closed settings allows the institution of the correct interventions and early control of transmission. The PN panel also provide a semi-quantitative measure of the numbers of certain bacteria present in the specimen

Viruses
 Adenovirus Coronavirus Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV) Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Influenza Virus A* *Includes the current circulating seasonal subtypes H1 and H3 Influenza B Parainfluenza virus timicrobial Resistance Genes CTX-M NDM mecA/C and MREJ IMP OXA-48-like KPC VIM

Agents Detected by the Pneumonia PCR Panel

Sensitivity

Sensitivity for detection varies according to the target detected from 83.3% to 100%

Specificity

Specificity for all targets varies from 91.2% to 100%.

Specimens:

Collect sputum or bronchoalveolar lavage. If storage is required, specimens can be held for 1 days at refrigerator temperature (2-8°), or up to 30 days at freezer temperature (-15°C). **CPT**: 87631,87541,87581,8748, 87798 x (13), 87150 x (7)



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