

## LABORATORY BULLETIN

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To: Partners, Customers and Colleagues

Re: Information Form for Malaria PCR Test

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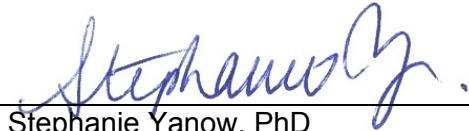
In regards to the malaria PCR test for *Plasmodium* species confirmation, it has become necessary to include an Information Form to be submitted with the sample and accompanying requisition. The completed form provides the required information necessary to proceed with the test and also minimizes the chance of delay in testing or turn around time. **Please note that the malaria PCR test will not be performed without the completed Information Form.** The form will be distributed with this bulletin and can also be found on our website with the electronic version of this bulletin at [http://www.provlab.ab.ca/partner\\_updates.htm](http://www.provlab.ab.ca/partner_updates.htm)

Requests for malaria PCR will be generated by a pathologist, hematologist or other laboratory professional. Testing will be carried out on all samples found positive (any species) by traditional microscopy or with a rapid detection test. Please refer to the bulletin issued previously (Bulletin #2008-March -28) for guidelines. An electronic version of this bulletin may be viewed by clicking on the link mentioned above.

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