CFAR Virology and Molecular Biomarkers Core Activities

Consultation:
- Test selection, optimal specimen type, results interpretation
- Dangerous goods shipping techniques
- CDC importation permits when importing infectious substances from other countries
- Regulatory issues
- Technical support for proper methods of specimen collection, handling, processing, and shipping

Materials:
- Detailed written protocols (standard operating procedures) on the proper handling and processing of specimens
- Specimen collection devices

Services:
- PCR testing in a CLIA-certified lab for:
  - Chlamydia trachomatis
  - Cytomegalovirus viral load
  - HBV viral load
  - HCV viral load
  - HIV-1 RNA viral load, plasma, semen, BAL
  - Proviral HIV DNA
  - HSV
  - Neisseria gonorrhoeae
  - Novel H1N1 influenza
  - Trichomonas vaginalis
- Serology Testing in a CLIA-certified lab for:
  - Syphilis
  - Oraquick HIV
- Development of assays for quantifying non-standard and/or diverse viral standards
- Tests on non-standardized specimens (dried blood spots, and rectal swabs)

Training:
- MiSeq
- Hands-on real-time PCR
- Real-time PCR data analysis and interpretation
- Specimen collection, storage, and shipping for use in clinical trials

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