



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the CMS suggested CPT code and National Limit Amount for the QuickVue® RSV kit?

The suggested*** CPT code is 87807QW**. The Medicare National Limit Amount* is \$16.88.

What is the CLIA complexity of the test?

The test is CLIA Waived.

How often should external controls be run on the kit?

Quidel recommends that positive and negative controls be run once for each untrained operator, once for each new shipment of kits – provided that each different lot received in the shipment is tested – and as deemed additionally necessary by your internal quality control procedures, and in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations or accreditation requirements.

Who may be tested with the kit?

The test is designed for symptomatic pediatric patients 18 years of age and younger.

What are the approved sample types for the kit?

Nasopharyngeal swabs, nasopharyngeal aspirate and nasal/nasopharyngeal wash specimens may be used.

What is the shelf life of the kit? How should it be stored?

The shelf life is 24 months from the date of manufacture. The kit should be stored at room temperature 15-30°C.

How long can specimens be stored?

Samples should be tested as soon as possible after collection. Alternatively, samples may be stored at 2-30°C, in a clean, dry, closed container for up to eight (8) hours prior to testing.

How should specimens be transported when using the QuickVue RSV test?

If transport of the specimens is required, the following Transport Media are recommended when specimens are stored at 2-30°C for up to eight (8) hours prior to testing: Hank's Balanced Salt Solution, M4-RT or M5 Media, Modified Liquid Stuart's, Bartels Viratrans, COPAN Universal Transport Medium, BD Universal Viral Transport Media, or saline. For longer storage at 2-8°C for up to forty-eight (48) hours, only Bartels Viratrans and M4-RT are recommended. (Note: M4 and Amies transport media are not compatible with this device.)

Can I use a different type of swab to collect the sample?

For proper test performance, use ONLY the swabs supplied in the kit. Additional swabs made by Copan Diagnostics (Quidel Catalog #20226) are also available. These swabs are also available in dry transport tubes and can be ordered from Diagnostic Hybrids Inc. or various distributors, using Copan Item #551C.

Can RSV be contracted from contact with the controls?

No. The Positive Control Swab is coated with non-infectious RSV antigen, and the Negative Control Swab is coated with formalin-inactivated, non-infectious Streptococcus C antigen.

How accurate is the QuickVue RSV test?

Nasopharyngeal aspirate sensitivity is 99% and specificity is 92%. Nasopharyngeal swab sensitivity is 92% and specificity is 92%. Nasal/nasopharyngeal wash sensitivity is 83% and specificity is 90%. These data were obtained in comparison to culture.

*For state by state fee schedule go to www.cms.gov.

***"QW" modifier is added to report use of CLIA-Waived test system(s) for Medicare/Medicaid claims.

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