

DISCONTINUATION OF CD56 (NK) AND CD19 (B-CELL) MARKER FROM LYMPHOCYTE SUBSET ANALYSIS

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According to the 2016 publication by HIV Medicine Association in their choosing wisely list of recommended tests for monitoring immune status in patients with HIV (<http://www.choosingwisely.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/HIVMA-Choosing-Wisely-List.pdf>), monitoring of lymphocyte subsets other than CD4 (e.g., CD56, CD19) has not proven clinically useful and it is **not routinely recommended**. Therefore, the Flow Cytometry laboratory will discontinue offering these markers from lymphocytes subset analysis. We will continue to offer CD4 and CD8 counts as well as CD4/CD8 ratio.

Please contact Dr. Hubert Tsui if you require further information.

Thank you for your attention.

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