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Notice to Readers

Update: Manufacturer's Recall of Rapid Cartridge Assay Kits on the Basis of False-Positive *Cryptosporidium* Antigen Tests

On March 4, 2004, CDC announced that a manufacturer had voluntarily recalled rapid cartridge assay kits because of false-positive *Cryptosporidium* antigen tests (*1*). An additional lot of a *Cryptosporidium*/*Giardia* rapid assay has been recalled voluntarily from laboratories by the distributor (Meridian Bioscience, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio) on the basis of their findings that *Cryptosporidium*-negative samples were weakly reactive with this lot (ImmunoCard STAT!®, lot no. 081138 [expires October 5, 2004]). CDC recommends reconfirmation of positive test results (by using direct fluorescent antibody testing or modified acid-fast stained smears) obtained with ImmunoCard STAT!® rapid assays from all recalled lots.

Reference

1. CDC. Manufacturer's recall of rapid cartridge assay kits on the basis of false-positive *Cryptosporidium* antigen tests—Colorado, 2004. MMWR 2004;53:198.

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