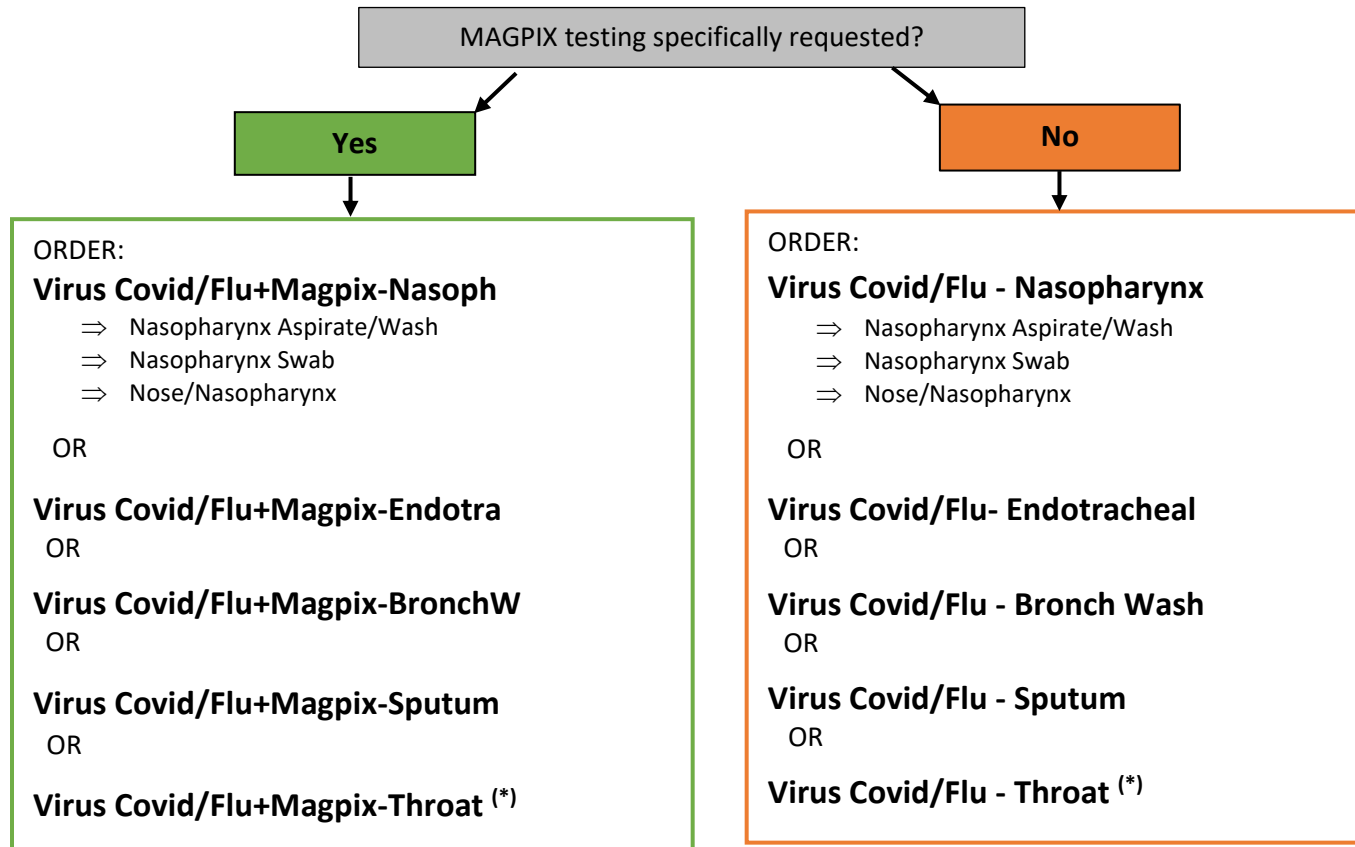


MEDITECH Acute Care Ordering Guide
Adult (≥18 years) Respiratory Pathogen Testing - Influenza A & B/RSV/Covid-19/Magpix



**Note: Throat swabs are a suboptimal specimen type EXCEPT when Mycoplasma pneumoniae infection is suspected. Only submit a throat swab if M. pneumoniae testing is needed or if the patient cannot tolerate a nasopharyngeal swab. Throat swabs must be collected with the "blue-top" Copan Universal Transport Medium kit.*

If testing for Legionella is required, submit a lower respiratory specimen (sputum, endotracheal aspirate or bronchial wash) with a "Magpix" order. Legionella testing cannot be performed on nasopharyngeal samples or throat swabs.

October through April (during Flu season): Influenza A & B/RSV and COVID-19 PCR testing will be done for all specimens. "Magpix" expanded respiratory pathogen testing will be performed on request if patient is admitted or <18 years of age.

May through September (outside of Flu Season): All specimens will be tested for Covid-19. Influenza and RSV testing is not routinely available; however, "Magpix" expanded respiratory pathogen testing will be performed on request if patient is admitted or <18 years of age.

Please note: Adult patients who are assessed in the emergency department and discharged home will not be eligible for Magpix testing.