

# CLINICAL **ADVISORY**

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## Availability of 3-in-1 COVID-19 and Flu A/B Test - Lucira

### BACKGROUND

**Lucira®** by Pfizer is a point of care three-in-one **COVID-19**, **flu A**, and **flu B** single-use, multiplex test that has been authorized for emergency use by the FDA. The test offers simultaneous qualitative detection and differentiation of SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A, and Influenza B viral RNA in anterior nasal swab specimens collected from individuals (2 years of age or older) who are suspected of respiratory viral infection consistent with COVID-19 by their healthcare provider.

This testing option provides:

- Performance comparable to highly-sensitive lab-based PCR tests
- Results in 30 minutes or less at the facility
- No extra testing equipment, calibration, or extensive training
- A shallow swab to administer the test



### ORDERING INFORMATION

- For facilities, please place orders as you would for other house stock items with your servicing pharmacy
  - The test will be available for \$90 per single-use test

### BILLING INFORMATION

- For adults with Medicare, the test is reimbursable under Medicare Part B

HCPCS Code	Code Description	National Payment Allowance
87636 (modifier QW)	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) and influenza virus types A and B, multiplex amplified probe technique	\$142.63

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### Overview of Instructions

#### 1 Swab



After setting up the test, use sterile technique to open packaging, tilt the patient's head back and insert the swab into the nostril until resistance is felt. Then, roll the swab 5 times around, touching the nostril walls. Repeat in the other nostril.

#### 2 Stir



Insert the swab into the sample vial until it touches the bottom and stir it around the sample vial 15 times. Discard the swab after stirring.

#### 3 Detect



Snap the lid of the sample vial closed and press the vial down into the test unit until it clicks. The test is running when the Ready light is blinking. Wait 30 minutes for complete results to display.

### Additional Information

- <https://www.lucirabypfizer.com/>
- MLN on 87636 <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mm12269.pdf>