



# Diagnostic Virology Laboratory Newsletter



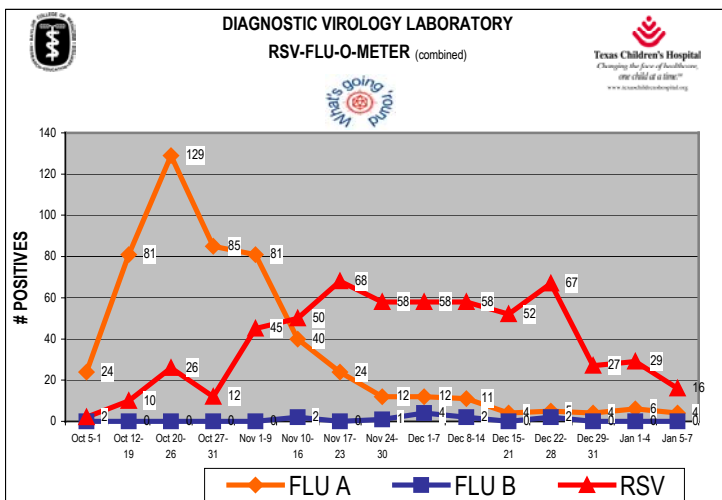
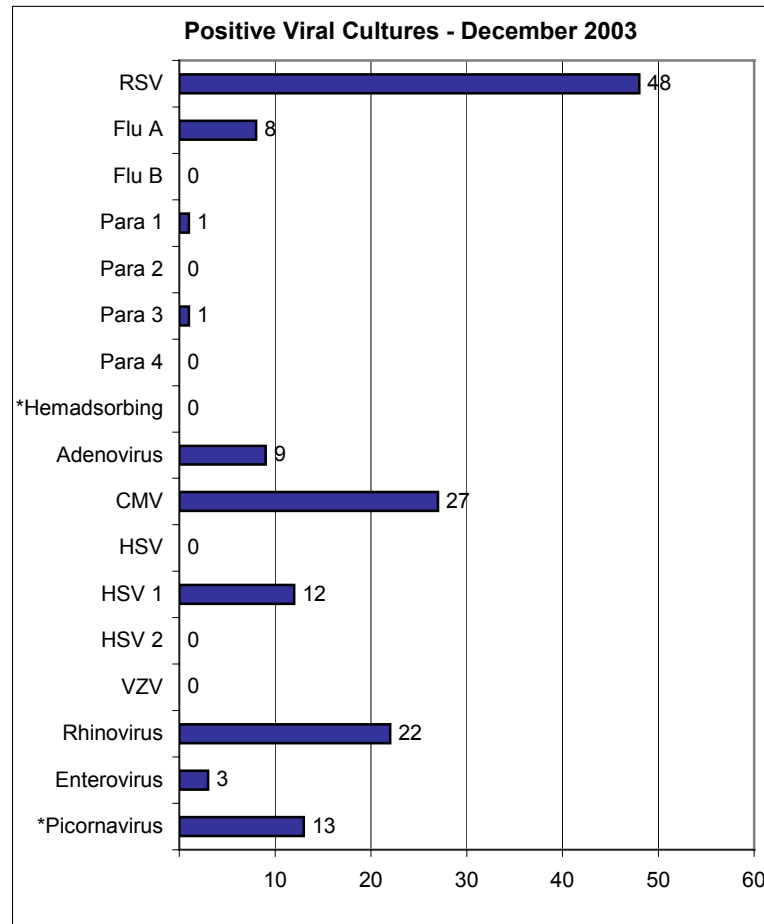
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## Positive Viral Cultures – December 2003

The most common respiratory virus isolated in December was RSV, with rhinovirus a somewhat distant second. December showed an increase in RSV activity and a continued decline in influenza activity. However, both influenza A and B were detected. Parainfluenza viruses, adenoviruses, and enteroviruses were isolated in small numbers, also. Stay tuned to our **RSV-FLU-O-Meter** [http://www.bcm.tmc.edu/pedi/infect/dvl/newsletter/RSV-FLU-O-METER\(combined\).pdf](http://www.bcm.tmc.edu/pedi/infect/dvl/newsletter/RSV-FLU-O-METER(combined).pdf) for the most up-to-date readings!



## EIA Rapid Test Results – December 2003 \*

	RSV	Flu A	Flu B
Tested	1064	1024	1024
Positive	285	35	9
% Positive	27	3	0

\* Backup viral cultures were not routinely performed last month on samples with positive rapid tests unless requested.

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## Viral Cultures – December 2003

Total	1097
Positive	144
% Positive	13

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