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*LabUpdate* is a periodic publication of the Clinical Laboratory of UC Health. By way of this publication, lab users are provided: 1) updated operational information relevant to the practice of laboratory medicine within UC Health facilities, and 2) didactic material generally applicable to laboratory medicine.

## Microbiology

### *Change in Reporting Rapid Molecular ID of Blood Cultures*

Reporting of Rapid Molecular ID of organisms from blood cultures has changed. When a blood culture is positive, and a rapid ID panel is initiated, a new test will be automatically generated in EPIC, rather than included within the blood culture workup as previously reported.

In the Blood Culture report, you will be directed to look in the Micro tab for Blood Culture Rapid Molecular ID – Gram Positive or Blood Culture Rapid Molecular ID – Gram Negative test heading for results. This “new” test should appear right below the Blood Culture order that generated the test. The change was made necessary due to instrument on interfacing with the laboratory computer system. The interface allows the data to be directly uploaded and is more efficient and accurate than our previous manual system.

If you have any questions about this change or about the Blood Culture Rapid Molecular ID panels, please call Microbiology at 584-3913.

### *New Order Codes for CSF Cultures and Synovial Fluid Cultures*

New order codes will be going live in EPIC soon for the following Microbiology tests: Bacterial Culture of CSF with Gram stain (CSFCULT, LAB2048) and Bacterial Culture of Synovial fluid with Gram stain (SFC, LAB2049). These were new codes were built to facilitate locating the Gram stain results for these two normally sterile body fluids. When the Gram stain is reported out, those results will appear as a separate test in EPIC. The Gram stain will still be linked to the culture results in EPIC and will share a common accession number in Microbiology.

The Laboratory hopes that this change will clarify the reporting on these two cultures and improve communication with the physicians and nursing staff.

If you have questions about this change, please call Microbiology at 584-3913.

### *2015 Antibigram Data*

Antibiogram data for 2015 is available for reference on the UC Health intranet under the Clinical Laboratory home page. If you have questions, please call Microbiology at 584-3913 or Dr. Rhodes at 584-3923.

## Patient Safety

### *Scanning of Lab Reports into EPIC*

Laboratory reports from outside testing facilities are now being scanned into the tab specific to the type of testing result received: Lab, Micro, Path/Cyto.

This replaces the practice of scanning all results from outside facilities to the Media Tab in EPIC.

If you have any questions, please contact Laboratory Customer Service at 585-LABS.

