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MEMORANDUM

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TO: HHS and SJH Physicians, Microbiology Partners, IDMM Residents,
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CC: Microbiologists, J. Korver, D. Boychuk, J. Ellis

FROM: Dr. C. Main, Dr. M. Smieja, D. Johnson, M. Gaskin

RE: **Return to 5 day blood culture incubation**

The microbiology laboratory has increased our instrument capacity and we are now able to routinely incubate all blood cultures for 5 days.

For suspected cases of infective endocarditis, fungemia, or bacteremia with *Brucella* or *Capnocytophaga* spp, ensure that this information is included in the specimen comments at the time of ordering and the incubation duration will be extended to 7 days. A14 day incubation is also available for suspected Bartonella spp if this information is provided in the specimen comments.

For any questions, please contact Dr. C. Main (ext 46182).

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