

Memo

To: Physicians at St. Joseph's Healthcare

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CC: Microbiology MLTs

Date: June 8, 2014

Re: Change to reporting *S. aureus* bacteremia

Effective **Tuesday June 10**, the microbiology laboratory will notify clinical areas of all *S. aureus* bacteremia, instead of paging the Infectious Disease service. The lab will state that the result must be given to the most responsible physician (MRP), or their delegate, and an Infectious Disease (ID) consultation is required. Laboratory reports will also indicate that an ID consultation is required.

The change will allow direct communication between the ID service and the MRP, to ensure that appropriate therapy is started early. It will also ensure that the admitting service is aware of these significant results, and will reduce errors in notification.

Every patient with *S. aureus* in their blood requires a mandatory ID consult as approved by MAC.

If you require additional information you may contact a Medical Microbiologist at extension 46111 or through paging.

Yours Sincerely,



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