



Memo

TO: Physicians at HHS

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CC: Microbiology MLTs

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RE: **CHANGE TO REPORTING *S. AUREUS* BACTEREMIA AND FUNGEMIA**

Effective **Tuesday June 10**, the microbiology laboratory will notify clinical areas of all *S. aureus* bacteremia and yeast seen in blood cultures, instead of paging the Infectious Disease service. The lab will state that the result must be given immediately to the most responsible physician (MRP), or their delegate, and the Infectious Disease (ID) services must be consulted as soon as possible. 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* or yeast in their blood requires a mandatory ID consult as outlined in the MAC policy – **Mandatory Infectious Diseases Consult for *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteremia and fungemia**. This reporting change was approved by MAC on June 4, 2014.

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

Yours Sincerely,

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