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Effective Date: 3/22/25

Title: Group B Strep Screen Method Change

Test: Group B Strep Screen PCR

Explanation:

The methodology for the Group B Strep Screen is changing from traditional culture to PCR testing on the Cepheid platform. PCR testing has increased test sensitivity, as compared to culture.


Reflex culture and sensitivity testing will be performed on all patients with penicillin allergy.

Providers must answer the following question when the test is ordered in EPIC to ensure sensitivity is performed, if needed.

! Is the patient allergic to Penicillin?


Yes No

Please contact the Microbiology Lab at (607)274-4474 with any questions.


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