



Laboratory Technical Bulletin

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Title: Microbiology Test Order Changes

Tests:

Ova & Parasite, Giardia/Cryptosporidium Antigen, Body Fluid Culture, Tissue Culture, Wound Culture and Environmental Culture.

Explanation:


The following changes will be implemented for microbiology test orders in EPIC.

1. Ova and Parasite (O&P) testing and Giardia/Cryptosporidium Antigen need to be ordered separately. The O&P order no longer includes the Giardia/Cryptosporidium Antigen test.
2. Body Fluid Culture and Tissue Culture will automatically include both aerobe and anaerobe testing. No need to order a separate Anaerobe Culture
3. There are two choices for Wound Culture testing –
 - a. Wound Culture – aerobe testing only
 - b. Comprehensive Wound Culture – aerobe and anaerobe testing
4. Cultures of cath tips, IUDS, devices, hardware and foreign bodies should be ordered as Environmental Culture.

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

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