

Wellspan Laboratory Services Microbiology and Infectious Disease Testing Update

Effective February 5, 2018 the following changes will be made in testing menu and location:

- All Bacteriology, Mycobacteriology, and Mycology cultures will be sent to the York Hospital (YH) Microbiology Laboratory for processing. Smears (e.g. Gram, AFB, Calcofluor/KOH, etc.), microorganism identification, and antimicrobial susceptibility testing will be performed as appropriate.
- Ephrata Community Hospital (ECH), Gettysburg Hospital (GH), Good Samaritan Hospital (GSH) and YH will continue to perform the following tests on site:
 - (1) Gram stains on normally sterile body fluids, e.g. CSF, etc.
 - (2) Grams stains on all sputa
 - (3) Rapid HIV Ag/Ab Screen (Employee Health Exposures and Labor/Delivery Only)
 - (4) Infectious mononucleosis (Mono) tests
 - (5) MRSA Nasal Screens-PCR
 - (6) MRSA/*Staph aureus* Nasal-PCR (Pre-Op Screen)
 - (7) *Clostridium difficile* -PCR
 - (8) Influenza A/B and RSV – PCR
 - (9) Group A Strep Rapid Antigen Test
- ECH, GH, GSH, and YH will continue to have their blood culture monitoring instruments on site. Positive blood culture bottles will be Gram stained on site with results phoned to the ordering provider (Critical Value). All positive blood culture bottles will be transported and processed at YH with microorganism identification and antimicrobial susceptibility results to follow.
- All the following tests will be performed at YH
 - (1) *Chlamydia/Gonorrhea* (CT/GC) testing on genital swabs, urine, and ThinPrep specimens
 - (2) Human papillomavirus (HPV) testing from ThinPrep Vials
 - (3) Herpes simplex 1 and 2 (HSV 1/2) from anogenital, dermal, and endocervical specimens
 - (4) Rotavirus Antigen, Stool
- Changes in test menu include:
 - (1) Group B Strep Culture removed (ECH, GSH) and replaced with Group B Strep – PCR (YH)
 - (2) Group A Strep Throat Culture (ECH, GSH) removed and replaced with Group A Strep – PCR (YH)
 - (3) *Staph aureus* PCR Skin/Soft Tissue (ECH) removed and replaced with Wound Culture + MRSA Culture (YH)
 - (4) KOH removed and replaced with Fungus Smear and Culture (YH)