

To: Reference Lab Clients

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RE: Reporting changes for yeast

Beginning June 16, 2008, the Microbiology Department will be changing their protocols for the reporting of yeast from routine cultures. The extent of yeast identification will be based on source. Reporting will be as follows:

Source	Report
Respiratory tract	Yeast, not <i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>
	<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>
Urine	<i>Candida albicans</i>
	Yeast, not <i>Candida albicans</i>
Genital - female	Yeast
Tissue	Full yeast identification
Body Fluid, Blood, CSF	
Wound	
Sterile body site	
Reference Culture ID	

Yeast isolates not fully identified will be held for 4 days. If further identification or sensitivity (send-out) is required, physicians or reference clients may contact the Microbiology Dept. at (906)225-7795.

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