



Capital Health

MEMORANDUM

TO: CDHA Physicians

FROM: Dr Todd Hatchette, Director - Immunology/Virology
Dr. Bassam Nassar, Service Chief - Clinical Chemistry

DATE: July 16, 2010

RE: **Changes to Antibiotic Level Testing**

As of August 9, 2010, vancomycin, gentamicin and tobramycin levels will be performed by the Division of Clinical Chemistry and no longer by Microbiology. This change will provide antibiotic level testing 24 hours a day; 7 days a week, aligning this Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine service with Capital Health's promise of enhanced patient centered health care.

The only significant change for you as end users will be that **levels must be submitted with the "buff" colored Laboratory Requisition - Blood. Submission of levels with the "pink" Microbiology requisition may lead to a delay in the processing of the specimen.** The information and collection requirements remain the same

Reports will still be found in the clinical portal, under the "Immunology" test class, and the interpretive ranges will remain the same. However, if you are unable to locate an antibiotic level result, please refer to the "Cancel" test class in the clinical portal in the event that the specimen/request may have been rejected and cancelled.

Enquiries regarding interpretation of results should be directed to Microbiology (473-6886). All other enquires should be directed to Central Reporting (473-2266).

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NOTE: Current document number for the **Laboratory Requisition- Blood** is CD0002_03_10

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