Change to MRSA Culture and Staph aureus MRSA PCR



To optimize testing for nasal colonization, MRSA culture (code LAB234) will be discontinued <u>11/2/2021</u> in favor of PCR. For detection of MSSA/MRSA in patients at risk for nasal colonization, Staph aureus MRSA PCR must be ordered.

Staph Aureus MRSA PCR (EPIC code LAB9295)

- Replacing MRSA Culture
- For <u>NASAL</u> collection only



MRSA Culture (EPIC code LAB234)

- No longer available
- For detection of MSSA/MRSA in patients at risk for colonization from sources <u>OTHER THAN NASAL</u>, order Staph Aureus culture (EPIC code LAB6003)



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