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ENHANCED MICROBIOLOGY SERVICES FOR OUR CLIENTS

- ◆ **DAILY COVERAGE**: Microbiology laboratory operates EVERY day, including weekends and holidays. This ensures continued monitoring of cultures so essential for the microorganisms, and no delay of results. **Bugs don't rest, neither do we!!**
- ◆ **NO-DELAY SPECIMEN PROCESSING**: Specimens are processed round-the-clock, thus eliminating any delay between the receipt of the specimen and its incubation.
- ◆ **TWICE-A-DAY ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING**: Susceptibility testing is performed **two times each day on weekdays**, including night, and one time on weekends and holidays. This protocol (a) provides results at least 18 hours faster, and (b) allows testing being performed at the time when the pathogen is in its strongest growth phase, thus generating optimal results.
- ◆ **RAPID, YET ACCURATE TESTING**: : Overall emphasis of Microbiology work up is on **rapid turn-around-time, without sacrificing accuracy**. This helps our hospital clients to stay within their DRG limitations. After a pathogen is isolated, state-of-the-art, rapid antimicrobial susceptibility panels are used for most organisms to provide results in about seven hours, compared with 18-24 hours by conventional methods. These results are then delivered by a method chosen by the client – including via internet. All S, I, R interpretations are derived from MIC values and are based upon standards published by Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI).
- ◆ **ANTIBIOTIC NEUTRALIZING BLOOD CULTURE BOTTLES**: Doctors Laboratory routinely supplies blood culture bottles containing resins that neutralize antibiotics. These allow isolation of pathogens even when a patient may be on antibiotic therapy at the time of blood culture collection.
- ◆ **24/7 POSITIVE BLOOD CULTURE NOTIFICATION**: Blood cultures are not only monitored round-the-clock, but efforts are made to notify client when a blood culture is found to be growing, so the clinician can initiate therapy immediately.
- ◆ **PRELIMINARY REPORTS ISSUED**: At least two readings are taken of each culture and a preliminary report issued after the first read, if warranted.
- ◆ **HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF**: Microbiology laboratory is staffed with very well qualified and experienced Microbiologists, Medical Technologists and Laboratory Scientists who are capable of providing consultation when needed.
- ◆ **ALL THIS AT COMPETITIVE PRICING**: Microbiology laboratory represents highly efficient and cost-effective service anywhere.

First in Quality, First in Dependability, First in Service