



## INTERPATH LABORATORY, INC. TEST UPDATES

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Please take note of the following test updates and make the appropriate changes in your Interpath Service Manual. Feel free to contact the Interpath Client Services department at 1(800)700-6891 for additional information.

NOTE: On January 13, 2016 a test update was sent regarding new testing that will be performed at Interpath Laboratory starting January 25, 2016. Tests 3164, 3160 and 3163 require further clarification.

Test 3164 – Group B Streptococcus by PCR, the specimen collect and submit was inadvertently left blank. The correct specimen is Culturette-Aerobic, submitted refrigerated.

Test 3160 – Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) Screen by PCR, the specimen collect and submit was incorrect. **DO NOT COLLECT** nasopharyngeal, only collect nasal swab using the Culturette-Aerobic and submit refrigerated.

Test 3163 – Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus/Methicillin Susceptible Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA/MSSA) Screen by PCR, the specimen collect and submit was incorrect. **DO NOT COLLECT** nasopharyngeal, only collect nasal swab using the Culturette-Aerobic and submit refrigerated.

### **3164 Group B Streptococcus by PCR**

<b>Specimen:</b>	
Collect:	<b>Culturette-Aerobic</b>
Submit:	<b>Culturette-Aerobic. Submit Refrigerated.</b>
Special Handling:	Possible Sources: Urogenital, Vaginal or Rectal Specimen stable incubated in Todd Hewitt for 18-24 hrs.
Rejection Criteria:	Specimen submitted frozen Wood Swabs Cotton Swabs Sample exposed to excessive heat Collection devices other than the dual rayon swab is not recommended.
Stability:	Ambient: 1 Day(s); Refrigerated: 6 Day(s); Frozen: Unacceptable; Incubated: Unacceptable
<b>Methodology:</b>	Automated Real-Time PCR by Cepheid GeneXpert
<b>Performed:</b>	Sunday, Mon-Sat
<b>Reported:</b>	2-4 Day(s)

**3163 Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) Screen by PCR**

<b>Specimen:</b>	
Collect:	<b>Culturette-Aerobic</b>
Submit:	<b>Culturette-Aerobic. Submit Refrigerated.</b>
Special Handling:	Only nasal samples acceptable
Rejection Criteria:	Specimen submitted frozen Wood Swabs Sources other than nasal Cotton Swabs Samples exposed to excessive heat
Stability:	Ambient: 1 Day(s); Refrigerated: 5 Day(s); Frozen: Unacceptable; Incubated: Unacceptable
<b>Methodology:</b>	Automated Real-Time PCR by Cepheid GeneXpert
<b>Performed:</b>	Sunday, Mon-Sat
<b>Reported:</b>	1-3 Day(s)

**3160 Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus / Methicillin Susceptible Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA/MSSA) Screen by PCR**

<b>Specimen:</b>	
Collect:	<b>Culturette-Aerobic</b>
Submit:	<b>Culturette-Aerobic. Submit Refrigerated.</b>
Special Handling:	Only nasal samples acceptable
Rejection Criteria:	Specimen submitted frozen Wood Swabs Cotton Swabs Samples exposed to excessive heat Sources other than nasal
Stability:	Ambient: 1 Day(s); Refrigerated: 5 Day(s); Frozen: Unacceptable; Incubated: Unacceptable
<b>Methodology:</b>	Automated Real-Time PCR by Cepheid GeneXpert
<b>Performed:</b>	Sunday, Mon-Sat
<b>Reported:</b>	1-3 Day(s)
<b>Interpretive Data:</b>	Please see report for interpretive data.
<b>Components:</b>	3161 - MRSA <span style="float: right;">3162 - MSSA</span>