

BON SECOURS HOSPITAL PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

MICROBIOLOGY CRITICAL VALUES FOR WARDS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE CLINICAL NOTIFICATION

Test	Organism
TB Culture	All positive Auramine smears and Ziehl-Neelsen (ZN)
Blood Culture	All organisms seen on gram stain All organisms isolated
CSF Culture	All positive gram stains & microscopy All organisms isolated
Fluids Culture	All positive gram stains All organisms isolated
Faeces culture	Salmonella species Shigella species Campylobacter species Escherichia coli 0:157 Clostridium difficile toxin A and B
Throat Culture	Corynebacterium diphtheriae Neisseria meningitidis Neisseria gonorrhoeae Group A Streptococcus
Tissue Culture	All positive gram stains All organisms isolated
Wound Culture	Group A Streptococci MRSA
Pregnancy Test	All positive results
Significant Results	Unusual or multi-resistant isolates Out of range anti-microbial assay results

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