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## Des Moines Laboratory Update

**Date: June 8, 2023**

Effective **June 14, 2023** the following tests previously performed at MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory will be referred to Mayo Clinic Laboratories. Fungal and AFB cultures in progress (collected prior to June 14, 2023) will be read and reported in Microbiology until finalized.

<b>Discontinued MercyOne Order</b>	<b>Replaced by Mayo Order</b>
C FUNGUS Culture Fungal	FGEN Fungal Culture, Routine
C FUNGD Culture Fungal Derm	FDERM Fungal Culture, Dermal
C AFB Culture AFB	CTB Myobacteria and Nocardia Culture, Varies * Includes reflex to AFB Stain
C AFBWPCR Culture AFB+ Smear with MTB PCR	CTB Mycobacteria and Nocardia Culture, Varies *Includes reflex to AFB Stain

### **AFB Culture and AFB Stain**

To enable a more rapid turnaround, MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory will continue to offer the AFBStat (Acid Fast Bacilli Stat Smear Only) test on direct specimens 7am-3pm daily. This order should be restricted to inpatients with high suspicion of respiratory tuberculosis.

Please submit a sputum in two separate containers – one for each test, AFBStat and CTB Culture.

### **TB/Rifampin PCR**

TB and Rifampin Resistance Detection PCR (MTBPCR) has been recently added to the laboratory test menu as a standalone test. Indications for ordering the MTBPCR test are dictated by hospital policy.

Please submit a sputum in two separate containers – one for each test, MTB PCR and CTB Culture.

### **Nocardia Culture**

MercyOne Des Moines laboratory will continue to offer C NOCARD (Culture Nocardia) as a standalone tests for patients suspected only Nocardia infection.

Please contact Jill Noble at [jnoble@mercydesmoines.org](mailto:jnoble@mercydesmoines.org) with questions.

Thank you for choosing MercyOne Des Moines Laboratory.