



## CLINICAL PRACTICE CHANGE

**Date:** October 13, 2015

**To:** Physicians and Healthcare Staff served by Diagnostic Services Manitoba (DSM) Microbiology Laboratory, St. Boniface Hospital Site

**From:** Dr. Heather Adam, Clinical Microbiologist, Shirley Hoban, Technical Director, Dr. James Karlowsky, Medical Director, Clinical Microbiology Discipline, Diagnostic Services MB

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**Re:** Mycobacteriology Culture Services Consolidation at the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) Clinical Microbiology Laboratory

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**Date Effective:** October 27, 2015

### Background Information:

- DSM Clinical Microbiology is consolidating Mycobacteriology services as part of ongoing efforts to improve laboratory efficiencies. Sites submitting their microbiology work, including Mycobacteriology, to St. Boniface Hospital (SBH) will continue to do so; however, SBH will now forward the Mycobacteriology requests onto the HSC. All non-Mycobacteriology work will continue to be performed at SBH.

### Change in or New Test Procedure:

- As of October 27, 2015, all Mycobacteriology work (AFB smears, culture and identification) will be performed at HSC. Questions regarding Mycobacteriology cultures should be directed to the Mycobacteriology laboratory at the HSC (204-787-7652).

### Patient Impact:

- No patient impact is anticipated by this consolidation of services. Patient results reporting will continue as usual.

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