



Clinical Practice Change: Clinical Microbiology

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Re: **Transfer of Microbiology testing from Selkirk Hospital to St. Boniface Hospital Microbiology**

TAKE HOME MESSAGE:

Effective October 7, 2013, ALL specimens submitted to Selkirk Hospital for Microbiology culture will be sent to St. Boniface Hospital (SBH) Microbiology. Ensure an SBH requisition is completed for these specimens (see poster attached to this notice). Result turn around time will remain unchanged. The orderable test menu remains unchanged.

Why is the Microbiology work being transferred out of Selkirk Hospital?

In anticipation of the new hospital and in consideration of programming needs, it was decided by senior management at the Selkirk Hospital many years ago that there would be no necessity of an on-site Microbiology lab. DSM supported this decision given that there is the ability to deliver the menu, meet the TAT expectations and ensure quality service using other DSM lab facilities. Based on these parameters, the Diagnostic Services Manitoba, Clinical Microbiology Discipline has made plans for the relocation of the Selkirk microbiology work to the St. Boniface Hospital Microbiology Lab. The Provincial Laboratory Information system (PLIS) roll-out requires this work transfer to occur in timely fashion. In addition some work that historically went to Cadham Provincial Laboratory (CPL) will be transferred to DSM labs (e.g. *C. difficile*, MRSA screens etc).

When will the Microbiology work transition out of Selkirk?

Effective October 7, 2013, all specimens sent for microbiology culture to the Selkirk lab will be transported to the St. Boniface Hospital Microbiology Lab. This includes all Microbiology specimens from Selkirk Hospital, Selkirk Mental Health Centre, affiliated long term care facilities and affiliated clinics. **The only on-site testing will be *Trichomonas* antigen on vaginal swabs.**

What changes in test ordering will occur?

The attached poster provides a summary of changes that can be printed and posted for staff. It lists microbiology tests that were previously sent out by Selkirk Hospital to CPL which will now be sent with all the other microbiology specimens to the SBH Microbiology lab. All virology and serology work will still go to CPL. All microbiology specimens sent to the SBH Microbiology laboratory will require a DSM SBH Microbiology requisition completed (i.e. change from a Selkirk Microbiology requisition to a DSM SBH Microbiology requisition). The electronic fillable version of this requisition is available through the DSM Website:

<https://apps.sbgh.mb.ca/labmanualviewer/viewPdf?url=/document/56>

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Dr. Michelle Alfa or Shirley Hoban at 204-237-2484.



Effective October 7, 2013, ALL Selkirk Microbiology work will be sent to St Boniface Hospital (SBH) Microbiology

SBH Microbiology Lab Hours of Operation: 8am to 10pm



Report Inquiry: SBH Microbiology (204) 237-2484

Patient care related: SBH Micro: ask for Microbiologist on call

Microbiology Service concerns: Contact the Discipline Team:

Technical Director: Shirley Hoban (204) 237-2073

Medical Director: Dr. Michelle Alfa (204) 237-2105

1. For ALL Microbiology Tests previously done at Selkirk that are now being done at SBH: Complete a DSM Microbiology Requisition

Note: only Trichomonas antigen testing of vaginal swabs will still be done at Selkirk site

Tests Previously Done by CPL- Now Provided by SBH

- MRSA screens
- VRE screens
- Stool culture – enteric pathogens
- Stool – *C. difficile* toxin
- Fungal cultures
- Mycobacterial (AFB) cultures: note previously transshipped to HSC by CPL

2. For Tests done at CPL:

Tests only offered at Cadham Provincial Laboratory

***require a CPL requisition**

- O&P on stool samples
- HIV & hepatitis serology/Viral Loads
- Viral, fungal, bacterial or parasite serology, including syphilis
- *H. pylori* serology
- Chlamydia & Gonorrhoea – (non culture – NAAT)
- Chlamydia – Microtrak
- Viral: culture/Electron Microscopy/Antigen Detection/NAAT
- Newborn metabolic screen
- Maternal Serum Screen
- Outbreak workup