

Labview

FOR CLIENTS OF PARKVIEW HEALTH LABORATORIES

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Utilization of Reference Laboratories

Parkview Health Laboratories is continuing to lean processes, increase efficiency, and reduce costs associated with send out testing to outside reference labs. Reference labs are selected with medical staff approval based on quality, methodology, cost effectiveness and turnaround time. Special requests may be denied if testing needs can be met more cost effectively at an approved laboratory. Specific reference laboratory requests will only be guaranteed if accompanied by requisition and shipping supplies from desired laboratory. Please contact Dr. Wan at extension 33650 with any questions.

Change in Susceptibility Reporting

Due to a recall from the bioMerieux company, which produces the Vitek susceptibility cards, you may notice the absence of piperacillin/tazobactam (Zosyn®) susceptibility data. The Parkview microbiology department has begun suppressing the automated reporting of Zosyn for several bacterial isolates including: E. coli, Pseudomonas, Morganella, Proteus, and several others. To supplement the missing data in hospitalized patients, manual alternative Zosyn susceptibility testing will be automatically performed for all Pseudomonas and Morganella isolates and for other Gram-negative isolates that are resistant to cefazolin. Additional manual testing will be performed as requested.

If you have further questions, please contact Craig McBride, MD (Pathologist, ext. 33656), Phyllis Bonner, MT (Microbiology Lead Technologist, ext. 39491) or Shannon Matsko, PharmD (Infectious Diseases Clinical Specialist Pharmacist, ext. 33432).

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