

MEMORANDUM

TO: PHYSICIANS LABORATORY CLIENTS

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON ANTIMICROBIAL SUSCEPTIBILITIES

As of April 15, 2008, the Microbiology department will upgrade to antibiotic panels which include **new antibiotics** for gram positive and gram negative organisms. New antibiotics can be expected within the next few weeks, as we transition into the new panels.

The update includes the following antibiotics:

Gram negative:

Added: Cefotetan, Cefuroxime, Cephalothin, Ertapenem, and Gemifloxacin
Deleted: Cefoxitin, Piperacillin, and Timentin

Gram positive:

Added: Amp/Sulbactam, Ceftriaxone, Daptomycin, Meropenem, and Moxifloxacin
Deleted: Ciprofloxacin and Piperacillin/Tazobactam

In addition to the availability of new antimicrobials, we are using this opportunity to review and update our reports to reflect the *2008 Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI)* guidelines for antibiotic reporting.

If you have any questions, please contact Shari Talbert, Microbiology Supervisor or Jean Fisher, Assistant Microbiology Supervisor at 402 731-4145 or 1-800-642-1117.