

SERVICE UPDATE

CAMPUS AFFECTED: Methodist, Proctor, Rock Island, Bettendorf, and Moline			
AFFECTS PATIENT CARE			
TEST NAME: MRSA PCR		DATE OF CHANGE: 12/12/2016	
REPLACING: Culture MRSA			
SPECIMEN TYPE:	Red Capped Dual Culturette Swab		
ORDERING CODES:	EPIC:	OLD: LAB234	NEW: LAB2202
	SQ:	OLD: VCMRSA	NEW: SMRSAN
OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION:	This test will replace the MRSA NARES CULTURE ONLY. Both Culturette swabs need to be inserted into each nares for testing.		

Unity Point Methodist will begin performing nucleic acid amplification by PCR for nasal MRSA surveillance testing. This change will provide a much faster turnaround time compared to our current culture testing method. Testing will be performed Sunday-Saturday upon request on day shift. Please be aware that since the culture MRSA will still be an orderable test to order MRSA PCR for surveillance testing.

For further information refer to UnityPoint Methodist Laboratory User Manual

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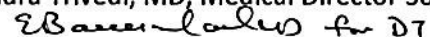
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