**PROCEDURE: TAXONOMY CHANGES**

1. **BACKGROUND**

Genus and or species names of microorganisms are routinely reclassified as new methods are applied to their taxonomy. These changes may affect the impact of antimicrobials or breakpoints reported. Taxonomic nomenclature is valid when published in the international Journal of Systematic & Evolutionary Microbiology (IJSEM).

1. **PROCEDURE**
2. Taxonomic nomenclature will be reviewed periodically to ensure accuracy of reporting patient and proficiency testing results.
3. Nomenclature changes will be verified in IJSEM before changes are made.
4. Any changes in taxonomic nomenclature will be documented.
5. CLSI Guidelines are reviewed upon any update of nomenclature or annually when antimicrobial guidelines are published.
6. All nomenclature changes are made in collaboration with prescribers, antimicrobial stewardship teams and infection control committees, as appropriate.
7. **REFERENCES**
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