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INTERNAL LABORATORY ALERT

Subject: Automatic Addition of Throat Culture to Strep Group A Antigen (Quick Strep)

Test Change Notice for Lab Staff:

Effective date:	August 19, 2015
Test Name:	Strep Group A Antigen (Quick Strep)
Test Codes:	QSTRP (Quick Strep) XTC (Throat Culture)
Test Change: Automatic addition of Throat Culture	<p>When the Quick Strep (QSTRP) test is ordered in Cerner, the following will occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When QSTRP is ordered on a patient in the Emergency Department, a Throat Culture (XTC) will be automatically ordered via Cerner and both orders will transmit to Sunquest simultaneously. • When QSTRP is ordered on a patient outside the ED, then <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Throat Culture (XTC) is automatically ordered via Cerner and marked in Cerner as “Ordered/completed.” The XTC order will automatically transmit to Sunquest. ○ The Quick Strep (QSTRP) will be in an “Ordered/pending collection” status. Once Nursing has collected and marked task as “completed,” the order then transmits to Sunquest.
Receiving in the LIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The QSTRP and XTC will be on different accession numbers (this WILL NOT change). • When receiving the QSTRP, YOU MUST look for a throat culture order. • Both tests MUST be received in the LIS simultaneously.
Specimen Source	Throat
Specimen Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing MUST send a dual swab for testing which is obtained from Hospital Materials Management. • The extraction for the rapid strep will kill any organisms so a separate swab is required for culture.
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