TITLE: REPORTING RESULTS FROM STATE LAB SENDOUT SPECIMENS

PRINCIPLE / PURPOSE: Some isolates in microbiology require additional identification, serotyping or confirmation for reporting purposes. These isolates are shipped to the N.C. State Laboratory of Public Health for further workup and then results can be obtained from the NC State Laboratory of Public Health website or by mail.

SCOPE: This procedure explains how to obtain and report results from patient specimens sent to the N.C. State Laboratory of Public Health.

PROCEDURE - STEPWISE:

1. Log into the N.C. State Lab of Public Health website “slph.state.nc.us” or google it.
2. Then double - click on “Lab Test Results” from the left side of the website and click “Login”.
3. Then scroll down to Clinical Lab Results - Login
4. At EIN number: type in 560529994
5. Skip the Suffix box
6. At username: type in dwaller in lowercase letters with no spaces
7. At password: type in the password which is located behind the STATE LAB tab in the Culture In Progress notebook.
8. Then move the mouse to the heading “Lab Tests” and under it choose “Results”
9. At the “SelectTab” box use the drop down arrow to choose where the specimen is located. The choices include: Mycology, Special Bacteriology, Enterics, Viral Cultures
10. Then type in the last name of the patient you are looking for.
11. Type in the birthdate of the patient’s specimen. This information can be obtained from the patient’s worksheet that was placed behind the State Lab tab in the Cultures In Progress notebook or from the Microbiology Send out Log where the name, birthdate, and type of test was documented.
12. Then click “Search”
13. Then click on the patient’s name. If the patient’s results are not ready it will say testing in progress otherwise double-click on the number under “Folder Number” and print the results.
14. If testing is still in progress then you can check at a later date for results or wait until the results are mailed to the lab.

INTERPRETATION & REPORTING RESULTS:

Reporting Format: The report issued by the State Lab is available on-line at their

website. A hard copy is subsequently mailed to the laboratory.

If the results are ready then attach the print out to the patient’s worksheet and

enter the state lab results in the computer and finalize.

All tests performed by the State Lab do not require a charge.

REFERENCES:

State Laboratory of Public Health, Raleigh, N.C.

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