

## Laboratory News

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## MICROBIOLOGY UPDATE: TEMPORARY CHANGE IN MYCOLOGY CULTURES

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Effective June 6, 2016, specimens submitted for mycology culture from Marshfield Clinic, Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital, Lakeview Medical Center, Flambeau Hospital, and all outreach clients serving human patients will be forwarded to Mayo Medical Laboratories, a subsidiary of the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, MN. This is expected to continue through September 30, 2016. We have taken this step due to a temporary staffing shortage in the microbiology lab. You may expect a 1-3 day delay in turnaround time during this period.

All fungus smears and isolate identification requests will continue to be performed at Marshfield Labs. All currently accepted specimen types will continue to be accepted.

Two new test names, **Fungus Culture, General (FGEN)** and **Fungus Culture, Dermal (FDERM),** will appear on ordering screens and should be used by all sites *except* Weston Center. The original test names, Culture, Fungus-General and Culture, Fungus-Dermal will continue to appear on ordering screens, but will be valid only for Weston Center orders since DTC still performs these tests.

As many of you know, we have a long-standing relationship with Mayo Medical Laboratories as our primary reference lab. We are confident that they will continue to provide the high level of service that you have come to expect from Marshfield Labs.

## **QUESTIONS**

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