

UNITYPOINT HEALTH - MERITER LABORATORIES
TEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Staphylococcus saprophyticus Susceptibility and Urine Culture Final Results

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Beginning February 23, to align with current CLSI guidelines, Microbiology will no longer be routinely reporting susceptibilities on *Staphylococcus saprophyticus* in urine cultures. The following comment will be appended to the result: **CLSI does not recommend routine susceptibility testing of *Staphylococcus saprophyticus* urine isolates. These infections respond to concentrations achieved in urine of antimicrobial agents commonly used to treat acute, uncomplicated urinary tract infections (Nitrofurantoin, Trimethoprim +/- Sulfamethoxazole, or a Fluoroquinolone).**

Additionally, non-invasively collected urine cultures with **no growth** or **mixed skin microbiota** will have a final result at 18 hours. Invasively collected urine will still be held for 48 hours.

If you have any questions, please call the UnityPoint Health - Meriter Laboratories Client Services Department at 608-417-6529 or 1-800-236-0465.