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Laboratory Update

**Discontinuation of LAB7501 January 20th, 2026
S. aureus detection by PCR (MRSA and MSSA)**

MRSA detection by PCR LAB3523 still available

Dear Healthcare Provider,

To streamline operations and improve utilization, we will be discontinuing the SA complete cartridge and moving all nasal colonization screening to the MRSA (LAB3523) test.

CHANGES: -Methacillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* will no longer be included in the report
- Reporting will shift from Positive/Negative to Detected/ Not Detected.

START DATE: 1-20-2026

Replacement EPIC order: LAB3523

ACCEPTABLE SPECIMENS: Same as before. Nares swab, eSwab preferred

RESULT TYPE: Results will now appear as Detected or Not Detected

TURN AROUND TIME: Same as before, typically same shift as it is received at BNH and GSH

OF NOTE:

There are no changes at this time for Infant nasal MRSA LAB7513

Alternative culture-based testing is available LAB 4171 Upper Respiratory Culture (eSwab from Nares). This can be an add on order to the MRSA PCR Eswab collection within 48 hours.

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