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CANDIDA AURIS TESTING BY PCR

Candida auris (C. auris) is a fungus that can cause life-threatening, often multidrug-resistant, infections. C. auris contributes to significant risk of infection among long-term patients in healthcare settings or intensive care units and among people with serious underlying medical conditions.

Patients can be colonized without having symptoms with the most common sites of colonization being the axilla (armpit) and groin. Colonization is a risk factor for bloodstream infection (candidemia) and colonized patients can easily spread C. auris to other patients. Nosocomial transmission occurs via contaminated medical equipment, such as catheters or feeding tubes. Early detection can limit the spread of C. auris.

The PCR method performed by CompuNet addresses some constraints of culture-based methods for detecting C. auris colonization. PCR can differentiate C. auris from other closely related species (e.g., Candida albicans, Candida glabrata). Furthermore, PCR can be performed much faster with CompuNet performing testing 7 days per week. If the PCR detects C. auris, a culture will be performed to determine sensitivity.

Please note: This test will be automatically added to our 2024 client fee schedules at \$70.18. This test is also billable to third party payers as long as it is medically necessary and an ICD10 code is provided with the order.

CompuNet Test Code: CAPCR | PH EPIC Test Code: LAB10340 | Specimen Type: Axilla or Groin Swabs

HEMOGLOBIN A1C REFERENCE RANGE UPDATE

Effective July 19, CompuNet updated our Hemoglobin A1C reference range from 4-6% to < 5.7 % to reflect the American Diabetes Association guidelines.

BLOOD CULTURE COLLECTIONS

Effective July 2, 2024, due to a global manufacturing issue leading to disruptions in the ability to obtain blood culture bottles, CompuNet is unable to collect blood cultures at our Patient Service Centers in the near term. We are collecting at the hospital collection centers. We expect this disruption to last approximately three months. Once the supply is re-established, we will return to collecting blood cultures and will send notification. Guidelines for blood culture collection has been adjusted to have supply for those in a critical need.



COMPUNET OPENS NEW FAR HILLS LOCATION

CompuNet will open our new Far Hills Patient Service Center on July 30th. Conveniently situated at 5692 Far Hills Ave, Kettering, OH 45429, Suite 5 (2nd Floor), this location provides easier access for residents of West Kettering, Centerville, and those traveling via I-675.

Our new facility spans 1,700 square feet and features a refreshed space designed to offer a comfortable and efficient experience for our patients. We have two draw rooms available.

Our operating hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a lunch closure from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, visit schedule.compunetlab.com.

