

ACL Discontinues Calling on Positive MRSA Screening Tests, VRE Screening Tests and *Clostridiodes* (Clostridium) *difficile* Tests

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Effective immediately, ACL Laboratories is no longer calling positive inpatient or outpatient laboratory results to the provider or hospital floor for the following tests:

Test Order Code	Test Name
LAB9030	C. difficile toxin PCR
LAB8973	Staphylococcus aureus methicillin resistant (MRSA) screen, bacterial culture
LAB8990	Staphylococcus aureus methicillin sensitive/resistant (MSSA/MRSA), bacterial culture
LAB9033	Staphylococcus aureus methicillin resistant (MRSA) PCR
LAB9034	Staphylococcus aureus methicillin sensitive (MSSA) and methicillin resistant (MRSA) PCR
LAB9007	Vancomycin resistant Enterococcus (VRE) screen, bacterial culture

These phone calls were discontinued due to recent changes in the Advocate Aurora Health isolation policies, which decreased the urgency for reporting of these results to the care team. ACL Laboratories will continue to call when vancomycin resistant *Enterococcus* sp. or methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* is isolated from non-screening cultures (indicative of active infection vs. colonization).

Please contact ACL Laboratories Client Services Department at 1.800.877.7016 with any questions regarding this change.

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