




Memorandum Micro #200

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Subject: Changes to *Candida* antimicrobial susceptibility testing

Effective September 14, 2021, the UNC Medical Center Clinical Microbiology Laboratory will no longer perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing for *Candida* species in house. This decision is based on staffing constraints, combined with low test volume.

All first time isolates of *Candida* species from bloods and sterile fluids will automatically be sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories for antimicrobial susceptibility testing. Isolates not meeting these criteria will only be tested upon request when clinically indicated.

Test information is available here: <https://www.mayocliniclabs.com/test-catalog/Overview/81602>

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