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Subject: Changes to *Nocardia* antimicrobial susceptibility testing

Effective July 22, 2021, the UNC Medical Center Clinical Microbiology Laboratory will no longer perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing for *Nocardia* species in house.

All first time isolates of *Nocardia* species will automatically be sent to Mayo Medical Laboratories for antimicrobial susceptibility testing. Test information is available here:

<https://www.mayocliniclabs.com/test-catalog/Overview/82019>

This decision is based on changes in testing requirements, combined with low and inconsistent test volume.

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