



## Memorandum Micro #197

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Subject: Discontinuation of Quantitative Wound and Duodenal Cultures

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Effective January 19, 2021, the Clinical Microbiology laboratory will no longer perform Quantitative Wound or Quantitative Duodenal Cultures (LAB5094 and LAB8019, respectively). This change has no effect on routine semi-quantitative aerobic or aerobic/anaerobic cultures from these anatomic sites. This decision is based on lack of clinical evidence to support this culture method, combined with low and inconsistent test volume.

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