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Step 4: Reversal of Step 3 Cancellations in Micro Labs, Return to Step 2 Urine Processes January 4, 2021

This information applies to: *Island Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Woman's Wellness Clinics, Facility Administrators, COA's, Lab Managers, LTC, Inpatient Units*

Please refer to step 1 ([July 17, 2020](#)) and step 2 ([Nov 3, 2020](#)) and step 3 ([Dec 15, 2020](#)) on clinical practice changes involving the Microbiology laboratory. Thank you to those that have contributed to wise testing.

Step 3 cancellations are no longer necessary at this time and the following are accepted routinely.

- Sputum samples
- Fungus cultures
- H. pylori testing
- Giardia/Cryptosporidium Testing
- Measles, Mumps and Varicella serology
- Enteric Viral panels
- Urine cultures (see below)

Step 2 processes for Outpatient urines will continue. This is where susceptibilities will be available upon request for E. coli, Enterococcus and, Proteus mirabilis. Exceptions include emergency room patients, Long-term care (when marked), pregnancy (when marked), or children under 12. Please call or fax the processing laboratory with your request.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance with the care of our patients. Dr. German can be reached at 902-894-2515 or through QEH Switchboard 902-894-2111.

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