



June 26, 2009

Dear Valued Customer,

On July 10, 2009 the Microbiology Department of Diagnostic Laboratory of Oklahoma will be converted to a new paperless lab information system. **You will not be required to make any changes as a result of this internal conversion.** All test Order Codes, submission requirements and transport supplies will remain unchanged.

Although you will not be asked to make any changes, you will notice several differences made to improve the quality of the patient reports that you receive. Changes to the patient report will include:

- A shorter, more compact report that requires fewer pages to print.
- A new report field titled "Specimen Comments" that will be used to indicate the quality of the specimen submitted for testing.
- Slight changes in the antibiotics that are tested and reported for each pathogen based upon the specimen source and the recommendations of the National Committee for Clinical Lab Standards (NCCLS M100-S15, January 2005).
- The shortened name of each pathogen will now be printed in the antibiotic matrix directly above the organism results (instead of the previous "Org.1", "Org 2" etc. labels).
- An abbreviated and easier-to-read legend below the antibiotic results matrix.
- In the event that a previously reported final result is changed, you will notice more consistent documentation and reporting of the new results (flagged in the body of the report) as well as the previously reported results (in a dedicated area at the end of the report).
- Results changed after an accession has been final reported will now be clearly identified as either: (1) *Addendum* (reports which have additional added information or information changed without impacting clinical significance), or (2) *Revised* (reports have been modified or have had information changed which has clinical significance).

We are confident that this conversion to a new Microbiology Department system will have minimal impact on your practice. Again, you will not be required to make any changes as a result of this internal conversion. If you have any questions related to this change, please do not hesitate to contact Mohammad Ourani, Microbiology Supervisor at (405) 609-2091, or Teresa Burk, Microbiology Group Lead at (405) 609-2095.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R.G. Schlesinger, MD'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a small arrow pointing to the right at the end.

R.G. Schlesinger, MD  
Medical Director