

TO: Wisconsin Clinical Laboratories

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RE: **Discontinuation of Mycobacteria Rapid Grower Susceptibility (MM00207)**

Effective 11/11/2019, the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) will no longer perform in-house drug susceptibility testing on rapidly growing mycobacteria due to low test volume. After this date, requests for susceptibility testing on rapidly growing mycobacteria will be referred to National Jewish Health.

Please see the chart below for test options at National Jewish. When requesting a National Jewish send-out test through WSLH, please indicate which test should be ordered by writing the National Jewish test code in the “other tests” area on the WSLH requisition form. WSLH will send isolates to National Jewish for a \$90 shipping and handling fee. Labs may also ship directly to National Jewish themselves. National Jewish will report results directly to the original submitter, and will bill the original submitter for testing. More information on rapidly growing mycobacteria susceptibility testing can be found at www.NJlabs.org.

WSLH will continue to offer culture, PCR, and identification for all mycobacteria, as well as drug susceptibility testing for *M. avium* complex (MAC) and *M. tuberculosis*.

National Jewish Test	National Jewish Test Code	Drugs	Billing
Single-Drug MIC (select drugs from list)	NTM5	AMK, KAN, TOB, FOX, IPM, CIP, DOX, MXF, TGC, CLR, AZM, AUG, SXT, LZD, CLF, CLF/AMK, GEN, CRO, FEP, CTX, MIN	CPT 87188, 87186, or 87181 - WSLH handling fee - National Jewish will bill original submitter for testing.
15-Drug broth Microdilution panel (MIC)	NTM4	AMK, KAN, TOB, FOX, IPM, CIP, DOX, MXF, TGC, CLR, AZM, AUG, SXT, LZD, CLF, CLF/AMK	CPT 87186 - WSLH handling fee - National Jewish will bill original submitter for testing.
20-Drug broth Microdilution panel (MIC)	NTM6	AMK, KAN, TOB, GEN, FOX, CTX, FEP, CEF, IPM, CIP, DOX, MIN, MXF, TGC, CLR, AZM, AUG, SXT, LZD, CLF, CLF/AMK	CPT 87186 - WSLH handling fee - National Jewish will bill original submitter for testing.

