Name of Policy:	**Automatic Infectious Disease Consultation in Select Patients with Positive Blood Cultures**
Policy Number:	3364-107-411
Approving Officer:	Chief Operating Officer - UTMC
Responsible Agent:	Director-Clinical Pathology Administrative Director-Lab
Scope:	University of Toledo Medical Center

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__X__ Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy Statement

It is the policy of The University of Toledo Medical Center that Infectious Disease consultation will automatically be sought in select cases of positive blood cultures as outlined below.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To ensure prompt and definitive management of patients with blood cultures positive for growth of *Staphylococcus aureus* or any fungal species.

(C) Procedure

1. Upon identification of *Staphylococcus aureus* (either methicillin susceptible or resistant) or any fungal species in a blood culture, the microbiology department will notify the infectious disease consult team of the result. Upon identification of a positive COVID-19 specimen by RT-PCR on a UTMC inpatient the Molecular Biology staff will also notify the infectious disease consult team of the result. Microbiology and Molecular staff will continue to follow procedures in policy 3364-107-107 STAT Tests, Critical Tests and Critical Limits to notify the floor of the initial positive blood culture.

2. The Infectious Disease consult service will identify and contact the primary team managing the patient and inform them of the policy and need for consultation.

3. The primary team will enter order for Infectious Disease consultation.

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