


Name of Policy: Automatic Infectious Disease Consultation in Select Patients with Positive Blood Cultures			
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(A) Policy statement

It is the policy of The University of Toledo Medical Center the 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*, *Enterococcus* spp., or any fungal species.

(C) Procedure

1. Upon identification of *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Enterococcus* spp., or any fungal species in a blood culture, the Microbiology department will notify the Infectious Disease consult team of the result. Microbiology 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 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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