CENTRACARE Laboratory Services
MEMO

TO: **CCLS Clients**

FROM: **CCLS - Specimen Referral Center**

DATE: **01/25/2018**

SUBJECT: **Analytical Time Change for Mycobacterial Culture, Blood and Mycobacteria and Nocardia Culture**

Effective May 02, 2018 Mayo Medical Laboratories will be making an analytical change to the following tests.

- MYCOBACTERIA AND NOCARDIA CULTURE (LAB0292623)
- MYCOBACTERIAL CULTURE, BLOOD (LAB0211086)

As a result of internal studies at MML, supporting a shorter incubation period for mycobacterial blood cultures, the culture time duration for this test will be shortened from 60 days to 42 days in order to provide more rapid final results to assist with patient care.

Positive cultures will be reported as soon as detected. Negatives will be reported at 42 days.

Please feel free to contact the CCLS Specimen Referral Center with any questions at 320-251-2700 Ext. 57320.