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Laboratory Bulletin

Gram Stain Reporting on Tissue Culture, Body Fluid Culture, and Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) Culture Specimens

Effective Date: Immediately

To improve result quality and consistent reporting, all Gram stains associated with the following orders will undergo a second review before reporting.

- **TISSUE CULTURE [LAB2111173]**
- **BODY FLUID CULTURE [LAB2111016]**
- **CSF CULTURE [LAB268]**

This second review will take place immediately and will not affect turn-around time. In the rare cases where no second medical laboratory scientist is immediately available to review the Gram stain, a preliminary report will be issued with the following comment:

"This is a preliminary result pending second review. Results should be interpreted with caution and clinically correlated."

For questions regarding testing, please contact Corewell Health Laboratory Customer Service at **800-551-0488.**

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