Protocol For Clinical Microbiological Advice Out of Hours

Is there a Clinical issue requiring **urgent** advice?

Yes

Have the microbiology guidelines been reviewed at:


No

Please review

Does the Patient Need Discussing with the Out-Of-Hours Microbiology Consultant?

Yes

Has the patient been discussed with the on-call Registrar or Consultant?

Yes

Has the patient been clinically assessed by the calling doctor?

Yes

Please contact the Medical Microbiologist between 5pm and 9am through Switchboard. If busy please keep trying.

No

Please clinically assess the patient

No

Please discuss with on-call Registrar or Consultant

Before discussing with On-Call Medical Microbiologist, please have the following to hand:

- Full details of the patient including NHS number
- Summary of patients admission history (pertinent points with special reference to operations, in-dwelling lines, presence of prosthetic material)
- Summary of past medical history (for example cancer, immunosuppression)
- Summary of admission antibiotic history (if long admission, **minimum** of previous 2 weeks)
- Current clinical status (with reference to Observations and bloods)
- The suspected source of infection/positive cultures/current and recent antibiotics
- Recent positive microbiology samples