



BUG BITES

We are resuscitating the infamous Bug Bites! The Infectious Disease department is very excited to use this to communicate important messages.

Watch for it on the 10th of each month.

MONTHLY INFECTIOUS DISEASE NEWSLETTER

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INFLUENZA - Most patients diagnosed with flu or suspected flu are receiving oseltamivir/tamiflu this year. We will have a few doses of IV peramivir reserved for very sick patients with primary flu illness. However, it is restricted to ID (Infectious Disease) approval only and no overnight doses permitted without contacting ID on call.

COCCI - Don't forget about cocci during this influenza season. We were seeing higher rates than usual lately and expect even higher after the fires. If patient not improving on community acquired pneumonia treatment. Think Cocci Cocci Cocci!

HIV – We are seeing high rates of HIV transmission in our county among many subgroups but predominantly young males who have sex with males. Please perform annual HIV screening tests, have a low threshold to perform rapid HIV tests, and check for acute antiretroviral syndrome by adding an HIV viral load. Consider preexposure prophylaxis or PREP in high risk groups.

Question of the Month

What is the first thing you do when you get a positive blood culture result?

Repeat a set of blood cultures (Always obtain 2 blood cultures unless pediatric patient)

Did you know?

Isolation Precautions get automatically ordered when you order flu (droplet), cdiff (contact), and afb for tuberculosis (airborne). However, everyone on the team needs to ensure that proper precautions are ordered when results



come back. I.e. If patient has cdiff and flu, then need to order contact AND droplet precautions and this will update the banner bar. Please see isolation table icon on every desktop!