


<b>Laboratory Services</b>		
<b>Microbiology</b>		
	<b>Microbiology referrals/phone calls</b>  <b>M-F-175</b>	<b>Revision: 3.0</b>
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Before you phone/email for advice you need to ensure you know both the clinical history including current status (recorded on obs chart) and recent results from investigations (bloods and scans). Include any previous Microbiology history e.g. MRSA/ESBL/*C. difficile*. It is almost impossible to give meaningful advice without such detail and with practice it allows you to understand how decisions are made.

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If a patient is unexpectedly deteriorating or there is no clear diagnosis this **MUST** be discussed with a more senior clinician before asking for microbiology advice. At the time you phone you must have:

**1. LIKELY DIAGNOSIS:**

**2. CLINICAL STATUS:**

TEMP	PULSE	BP	O <sub>2</sub> sats	

**3. INVESTIGATIONS:**

CRP	Peripheral WCC	eGFR	LFTs	XR/Scan

**4. HX OF PREVIOUS ANTIBIOTICS** (what has been given already during this admission):

**5. HX OF FOREIGN TRAVEL** (include date and destinations):

**6. HX OF ALLERGIES** (check what reaction has actually occurred):

**7. SPECIAL POINTS:**

<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>SIGNATURE:</b></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>DATE:</b></td> </tr> </table> <p style="color: red; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"><b>LEAVE COMPLETED FORM IN PATIENT CASE NOTES</b></p>	<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	Can patient take oral medication	Y / N / MAYBE
	<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>		
	Is patient on warfarin	Y / N		
	Is patient on a statin	Y / N		
Is there a history of seizures	Y / N			