

REMINDER

INVASIVE GROUP A STREPTOCOCCAL DISEASE IS REPORTABLE

The Ontario Group A Streptococcal Study is collaborating with public health units across Ontario in collecting and compiling clinical and bacteriology data about the disease. Because antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended for household contacts of patients with severe disease (STSS and NF), reporting of these cases should be urgent. DON'T forget to call the:

ONTARIO GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS STUDY

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL

WHEN YOU ISOLATE GROUP A STREP FROM A STERILE SITE (BLOOD, TISSUE, CSF, ANY FLUID, ASPIRATES, ABSCESSSES, SURGICAL SPECIMENS)

1. HOLD ISOLATE - DO NOT DISCARD
2. IF POSSIBLE retrieve BLOOD from Biochemistry/Hematology:
 - a. The left over blood
 - b. Sample with heparin (*green top tube*) or EDTA as anticoagulant (*purple top tube*)
3. HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE
 - a. Name and postal code of patient
 - b. Is this an inpatient?
 - c. Name and telephone# of attending physician
 - d. Name and telephone# of your Infection Control Practitioner
 - e. Site of isolate and date taken
4. CALL THE GROUP A STREP STUDY OFFICE AT
1 - 800 - 668 - 6292 or 416- 586- 3141

NOTE:

The **ONLY** isolates we are **NOT** interested in are throat or eye isolates - **BUT-** if you are in doubt about whether or not to report an isolate - do not hesitate – call.

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