



MEMORANDUM

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To: All Manitoba Physicians sending specimens to DSM Clinical Microbiology Labs

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Re: **Taxonomy Changes in Laboratory Reporting**

This memo is to update you on some important microbial taxonomical changes that have occurred recently that may affect your practice. As discussed at a recent meeting of the Diagnostic Services Manitoba Clinical Microbiology Discipline Committee, several taxonomical changes will occur to update the laboratory reporting.

The following list includes organisms with new taxonomy that are expected to be reported regularly or are of particular clinical importance. Note that some members of the "HACEK" group of organisms (*Haemophilus* and *Actinobacillus*) causing endocarditis have been reclassified as "*Aggregatibacter*". The laboratory will continue to report both the old and the new nomenclature for these organisms for a one year transition period. Additionally, the organisms formerly known as "*Streptococcus bovis*" which are associated with colonic malignancies have been reclassified into new streptococcal species. This change in reporting has already been implemented.

OLD NAME

NEW NAME

<i>Haemophilus aphrophilus</i>	<i>Aggregatibacter aphrophilus</i>
<i>Haemophilus segnis</i>	<i>Aggregatibacter segnis</i>
<i>Haemophilus paraphrophilus</i>	<i>Aggregatibacter paraphrophilus</i>
<i>Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans</i>	<i>Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans</i>
<i>Peptostreptococcus asaccharolyticus</i>	<i>Peptoniphilus asaccharolyticus</i>
<i>Peptostreptococcus micros</i>	<i>Parvimonas micra</i>
<i>Peptostreptococcus magnus</i>	<i>Finegoldia magna</i>
<i>Chryseobacterium meningosepticum</i>	<i>Elizabethkingia meningoseptica</i>



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OLD NAME

NEW NAME

Streptococcus bovis group

S. gallolyticus

S. infantarius

Enterobacter sakazakii

Cronobacter sakazakii

Enterobacter agglomerans

Pantoea agglomerans

Stomatococcus sp.

Rothia sp.

Corynebacterium J K

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 237-2105 or Shirley Hoban at 237-2073 if you have any questions.