



## **Consolidated Mycobacteriology (AFB) Services at Rochester General Hospital**

As part of Rochester Regional Health's continuing efforts to integrate clinical laboratory services, we would like to announce that testing for Mycobacteriology (acid fast bacilli (AFB) and tuberculosis smears and cultures) will be consolidated at the Rochester General Hospital campus effective November 14, 2016.

Providers should continue to collect and send AFB samples in the usual manner. ACM Global Laboratories will receive and track specimens to the Rochester General Hospital Laboratory. Concentrated smears, on appropriate samples, will be reported 7 days per week with an expected turnaround time of 24 hours from receipt in the laboratory. Positive results (smears and cultures) will be called directly to the Ordering Provider and negative results will be updated, as required, electronically.

We expect that this change in testing location will be seamless to Providers. However, if there are additional questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Suzanne Dale (Director, Microbiology and Molecular Diagnostics at ACM Global Laboratories) at 585-429-2360 or Ms. Edi Hewa (Manager, Microbiology and Molecular Diagnostics) at ACM Global Laboratories at 585-429-2205.