



## General Infectious Diseases

### Pre-Referral Considerations:

1. Referral to the General Infectious Diseases Clinic is appropriate for patients with diagnoses such as:
  - a. Aspergillosis
  - b. Bacteremia
  - c. Endocarditis
  - d. C. diff colitis
  - e. Cellulitis
  - f. CMV disease
  - g. Fever of Unknown Origin
  - h. Soft tissue infections
  - i. Parasitic infestations and travel related infections
  - j. Bone and Joint infections
  - k. Post-operative infections
  - l. Pneumonias
  - m. Infections in immune compromised hosts including solid organ and bone marrow transplant
  - n. Positive PPD skin test
  - o. Infection with Tuberculosis
  - p. Infected pressure ulcers/osteomyelitis
  - q. Infection with endemic fungi such as Histoplasmosis
2. Diagnoses NOT managed in the General Infectious Diseases Clinic include:
  - a. Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
  - b. Chronic Lyme Disease
  - c. Patients who are only in need of screening tests (screening for TB, viral hepatitis, or HIV)
  - d. Patients who need vaccines for travel abroad (refer to Muskegon Public Health Dept 231-724-6246)
  - e. Patients with HIV infection should be referred to the HIV Clinic (not the General Infectious Diseases clinic)
  - f. Nonspecific Rashes

**Lab Studies:** Required and recommended (to be ordered by referring provider prior to appointment with specialist)

1. Call ID clinic if you have questions



**Imaging Studies:** Required and recommended (to be ordered by referring provider prior to appointment with specialist)

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**What to Avoid Ordering:** to avoid unnecessary testing (can include relevant “choosing wisely” elements)

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**Red Flags:** Please call ID Clinic if you have specific concerns or question about urgency

**Include:**

1. Patient information that is pertinent to the referral.

(Additional patient information that is not essential - should be submitted only if already part of the patient’s record.)

- a. Past history/ active problem list
  - b. Surgeries
  - c. Specific symptoms and signs related to condition
  - d. Medications- current, and prior (pertinent to diagnosis), allergies
  - e. Antibiotic courses given for condition (names and dates if available)
  - f. Prior evaluations /treatment (by other specialists, health care systems, etc) if not in Cerner- including pertinent labs, cultures, pathology results, Imaging
  - g. pertinent family history
  - h. list of providers (health care team)
2. Question to be answered
  3. Consultation (Evaluate and Advise) vs Co-Management (PCP and Specialist to share care)