

Multiplex *Staph* blood culture panel cleared, 5/16

May 2016—Great Basin Scientific has received FDA clearance for its Staph ID/R Blood Culture Panel. The panel is a sample-to-result, automated, DNA multiplex assay for simultaneous identification of *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Staphylococcus* species directly from positive blood cultures. The panel identifies coagulase-negative staphylococci such as *S. epidermidis* that are part of the normal flora of human skin. The multiplex test also identifies the *mecA* gene that confers resistance to methicillin and other beta-lactams.

The company said it expects to offer the panel at a significantly lower cost than other molecular blood panels on the market, making fast, easy diagnosis of staph-caused blood sepsis affordable for the small to midsize hospitals that Great Basin serves.

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