



**MLS: Laboratory Update**  
***K. pneumoniae* Carbapenemase (KPC) – Protocols**  
**Now Available on CDC Website**  
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**New KPC protocols have been posted to the CDC website**

- 1) Laboratory Protocol for Detection of Carbapenem-Resistant or Carbapenemase-Producing *Klebsiella* spp. and *E. coli* from Rectal Swabs
- 2) Modified Hodge Test for Carbapenemase Detection in Enterobacteriaceae  
[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar\\_kp\\_lab.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/ar_kp_lab.html)

**Additional Information**

- 1) MLS Website [www.health.state.mn.us/mls](http://www.health.state.mn.us/mls) – continually updated information regarding KPCs found under “Disease Specific Information”
- 2) MDH Bug Bytes Newsletter – March 23, 2009; Vol. 10: No. 2  
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/newsletters/bugbytes/index.html>

**Who to Contact at MDH**

Please contact MDH-PHL Molecular Epidemiology Supervisor, Dave Boxrud at: 651-201-5257 if your laboratory has a suspected KPC isolate with elevated carbapenems and is modified Hodge Test positive.

Please contact Anita Glennen in the MDH Special Microbiology Laboratory at: 651-201-5073 if you have any questions regarding antimicrobial susceptibility testing procedures for the KPC’s.

Thank you,

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