

Who needs an ID consult?

Who to page (listed on amion under Infectious Diseases – MSH):

- If a patient is on ADS or an ED observation patient, please contact the attending only ID service (pager 8163)
- If a patient has been seen by Dr Niebart or Hammer in the past (you can check by going to chart review-->infectious disease notes), please reach out to them directly
- If a patient is s/p organ transplant, admitted to Liver Medicine or actively listed, please contact SOT A ID consults (pager 8678 for liver/kidney/intestinal) or SOT B ID consult (pager 0101 for cardiac, off-service organ transplant)
- If a patient has an active malignancy, especially if on chemo/treatment, please contact BMT/onc ID (pager 9899)
- Questions about an Silver Medicine admission should be directed to the HIV Medicine (Silver) attending
- All others ID consults go to general ID (pager 0649)

Overnight call:

Please note that after 5pm the pager is reserved for urgent/emergent matters. The ID fellows take turns on call overnight from home in addition to seeing daytime consults. Some examples of pages that can **wait until daytime:**

- Antibiotic approval – The majority of restricted antibiotics do not require overnight approval (from 5pm and 9am); these can be ordered overnight and approval can be obtained in the morning from either ID approval (pager 9407) or the appropriate ID consult service.

- Only “highly restricted” antimicrobials such as caspofungin, ambisome, daptomycin, and linezolid require 24/7 approval

- Expedited COVID swabs – reserved for testing prior to urgent surgeries/procedures. These are approved by Infection Prevention (212-659-9450 during the day; 212-659-9451 from 5pm to 8am)

- Stable COVID patient - not necessary to page overnight unless specific question outside of intranet guidelines

- Febrile, stable patient - please discuss with seniors if necessary to escalate to ID. If a patient is unstable and it is unclear how to broaden/if you are missing something, ID is there to help!

- “FYIs” - If a patient's surveillance swab comes back with MSSA, we will follow it up the next day if we're following. If you have a stable new consult, feel free to place it in the morning after 8 am

- Dosing questions - please reference inpatient app dosing under “Antibiotic Dosing” guide. The pharmacists are also excellent resources for assistance with dose adjustment questions.

Also as a general note, if there is any question about whether a consult can wait until the day, you can always reach out to the seniors. Many times our fantastic seniors already know the answer!