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A.M.P Advanced Detection for Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs)

- **Complex and recurrent UTIs can be challenging to accurately detect and effectively treat using standard urine culture**
 - *UTIs cause 7 million doctor visits per year and 100,000 hospitalizations annually*
 - *More and more antibiotics are becoming ineffective in treating UTIs (this is known as antibiotic resistance, which means germs can continue to grow despite the use of antibiotics)*
 - *It is necessary to accurately identify the germ or pathogen that is causing the UTI to ensure that the right medicine is used to effectively treat the infection*

- **Molecular testing using PCR technology allows your doctor to identify pathogens causing UTIs more accurately and more quickly than traditional urine culture to help better determine the antibiotic needed to treat the infection**
 - *PCR UTI test detects 25-30% more germs or organisms than traditional culture*
 - *Detects and identifies 46 pathogens associated with UTIs*
 - *Identifies 18 antibiotic resistance genes associated with UTIs*
 - *Results can be available within a few hours*

- **Is molecular UTI testing the right option for me?**
 - *If you are experiencing symptoms of UTI more than two times per year*
 - *If you have been hospitalized for UTI, have a catheter, or have had resistant infections*
 - *If you have been experiencing urinary symptoms but have had negative urine culture*
 - *If you are a man and have been experiencing symptoms of prostatitis*
 - *If you are pregnant and have concern for UTI*

- **Insurance Coverage and costs.**
 - *PCR testing is comprised of several billing codes that may be billed multiple times. This is because each code represents a different germ or organism that we are testing for to ensure we identify the germ causing the infection. In addition, we are testing to make sure the antibiotic ordered is the most effective (by identifying any possible antibiotic resistance).*
 - *While most insurance carriers cover PCR testing for UTI, there is a significant cost difference between traditional urine culture and PCR testing. Coverage is dependent on your individual insurance contract and any deductibles, copayment and coinsurance would apply based on your specific insurance plan. Any deductible, copayments, and/or coinsurance would be considered patient responsibility.*

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- *Should you wish to request an estimate of your services, you may contact the AMP billing Dept. at 315-870-9370 prompt 1 to request a written estimate. They will provide you with a list of the billing codes which may be billed for PCR testing so that you can verify coverage and your patient responsibility with your insurance carrier.*

I have discussed the benefits of Urine PCR testing with my healthcare provider, I have had any questions about Urine PCR testing answered to my satisfaction and have read this document. I consent to these tests and accept the above possible financial responsibility. I have received a copy of this consent for my records.

Signature

Date

I do not consent to financial responsibility and acknowledge my informed refusal.

Signature

Date