



SITUATIONS OR SCENARIOS THAT MIGHT INITIATE A LABORATORY INVESTIGATION

Single positive culture (liquid or solid) of multiple specimens from a new patient

Extended incubation time with late-appearing growth (liquid media) or scanty growth (solid media)

Negative control is acid-fast bacilli (AFB) smear or culture positive

Increase of positive isolates with species that are rare for the laboratory or with environmental contaminants

Unusual increase in isolates with identical drug resistance patterns

Unusual genotyping results, possibly involving proficiency testing or quality control strains

Increase in percentage of culture positivity

Nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT) positive specimens that are AFB smear and culture negative

Use the below section to fill in additional situations or scenarios

