

Date: [Insert Date]

To: [Consultant Name/Infectious Disease Department]

From: [Referring Surgeon/Physician Name]

Facility: [Hospital/Clinic Name]

Subject: Urgent Consultation for Post-Operative Site Infection - Unknown Pathogen

Patient Details:

Name: [Patient Full Name]

DOB: [Date of Birth]

ID Number: [Medical Record Number]

Dear [Consultant Name],

I am requesting an urgent consultation for the above-named patient who is presenting with signs of a surgical site infection (SSI) following a [Name of Procedure] performed on [Date of Surgery].

Clinical Presentation:

The patient currently exhibits [List symptoms: e.g., erythema, purulent drainage, fever, localized pain]. These symptoms began on [Date].

Diagnostic Status:

Wound cultures were obtained on [Date], but results currently show no growth or remain inconclusive. [Include relevant imaging results, e.g., Ultrasound/CT findings]. Baseline labs show [WBC count, CRP, or Procalcitonin levels].

Current Management:

The patient has been started on empiric antibiotics: [List medications and dosages]. No improvement has been noted to date.

Reason for Consultation:

We request your expertise in identifying the underlying pathogen and optimizing the antimicrobial regimen, as the clinical picture suggests an infection that is not responding to current empiric therapy.

Thank you for your assistance with this case.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Printed Name]

[Contact Information/Pager Number]