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Rapid Ornithine will assist in the identification/differentiation of *Staphylococcus lugdunensis* (a pathogen) and *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (a non-pathogen), both of which can be coagulase negative. Since *Staphylococcus lugdunensis* has a different drug susceptibility profile from other coagulase negative staphylococci, accurate identification of this organism is important for effective antibiotic therapy.

Hardy Diagnostics Rapid Ornithine is used to detect ornithine decarboxylase activity in as little as two hours, with a total set-up time of only one minute. Conventional methods for detecting ornithine decarboxylase activity require an extended period of incubation of 24 to 48 hours. In contrast, positive reactions with the new Hardy product are usually obtained within two to four hours of incubation. In addition Rapid Ornithine will help differentiate *Proteus vulgaris* (ornithine negative) from *Proteus mirabilis* (ornithine positive).

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