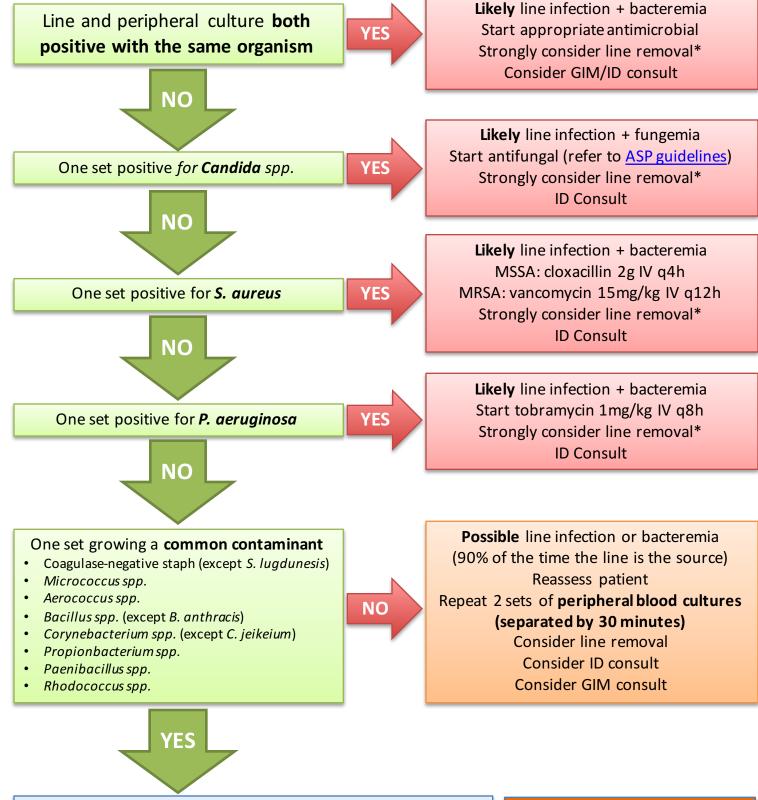
## Positive Blood Cultures in Patients with a Central Line

(only applies for FIRST series of cultures. If the repeat set of cultures is positive with the same organism, likely real infection)



Inconclusive for line infection or bacteremia ('contaminant' organisms can often cause real line infections)

Reassess patient

Repeat 2 sets of **peripheral blood cultures (separated by 30 min)**Consider ID consult

Consider outpatient mgmt if well and adequate follow up

\*When deciding whether to remove a line, consider the necessity of a line and the difficulty of regaining access (e.g. PICC vs dialysis catheter) When in doubt, consult the service that uses it the most

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