



## Christopher R. Polage, M.D.

<b>Philosophy of Care</b>	My goal is to help doctors give the right diagnosis and treatment to their patients everyday.
<b>Clinical Interests</b>	Dr. Polage seeks to maximize the impact of clinical microbiologic testing on patient care, treatment, and outcomes. He is an expert in the diagnosis of blood, respiratory, gastrointestinal, and nervous system infections with a particular focus on hospital and healthcare-associated infections.
<b>Research/Academic Interests</b>	Dr. Polage's research seeks to improve patient care and outcomes by optimizing the utilization and accuracy of diagnostic tests and avoiding diagnostic errors and unnecessary treatment.
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<b>Internships</b>	Internal Medicine, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver CO 2000-2001
<b>Residency</b>	Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, University of Utah Health Sciences Center, Salt Lake City UT 2001-2005
<b>Fellowships</b>	Medical Microbiology, ARUP Laboratories/University of Utah Health Sciences Center, Salt Lake City UT 2005-2007
<b>Board Certifications</b>	American Board of Pathology, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, 2005 American Board of Pathology, Medical Microbiology, 2007



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### Professional Memberships

American Society for Microbiology  
College of American Pathologists  
Infectious Diseases Society of America

### Honors and Awards

Clinical Research Forum Distinguished Clinical Research Achievement Award, 2016  
Clinical Research Forum Top 10 Award, 2016  
Physician Quality and Safety Honoree, 2015  
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Clinical Microbiology 2015-2017  
Yale / Johnson & Johnson Physician Scholar in International Health, 2005  
ACLPS Young Investigator Award, 2003

### Select Recent Publications

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