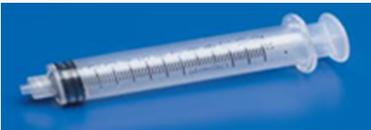


Guide for Microbiology Collection and Ordering – Cultures

TEST	SPECIMEN	CONTAINER	COMMENTS
Tissue Culture or Tissue for Fungal Culture or Tissue for AFB Culture	Any tissue collection regardless of site		Anaerobes are included with these cultures. A small amount of sterile saline can be added to the tissue so the sample won't dry out. NO FORMALIN CONTAINERS
Body Fluid Culture or Body Fluid for Fungal Culture or Body Fluid for AFB Culture	Any sterile body fluid (other than CSF) such as: peritoneal, thoracentesis, pleural, pericardial, synovial...	  	Anaerobes are included with these cultures. If a syringe is used to collect the specimen, it needs to be sealed with a syringe cap. NO FORMALIN CONTAINERS
Wound Culture w/Anaerobes or Wound for Fungal Culture or Wound for AFB Culture	Any specimen (other than tissue or sterile body fluid) listed as wound, or any specimen requesting anaerobes	 	Anaerobes are included with these cultures. Do not order vaginal, cervix or penile drainage as WDC unless source is listed as abscess or wound from this site. If the sample is an aspirate, keep the sample in the syringe and seal with a syringe cap. NO FORMALIN CONTAINERS **Preferred method of collection: eSwab

<p>Wound Culture without Anaerobes (For example: Skin Cultures)</p>	<p>Any wound source not requiring anaerobes</p>	 	<p>Do not order vaginal, cervix or penile drainage as WDC unless source is listed as abscess or wound from this site. If the sample is an aspirate, keep the sample in the syringe and seal with a syringe cap.</p> <p>NO FORMALIN CONTAINERS</p> <p>**Preferred method of collection: eSwab</p>
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