

Site	Acceptable Specimens	Unacceptable Specimens
Head and Neck	<p>Abscess aspirates obtained by needle and syringe after surface is decontaminated</p> <p>Biopsy material surgically obtained</p>	<p>Throat or nasopharyngeal swabs</p> <p>Gingival swabs</p> <p>Superficial material collected with swabs</p>
Lungs	<p>Biopsy material surgically obtained</p> <p>Bronchoscopy specimens obtained with protected brush</p> <p>Thoracotomy specimens</p>	<p>Expectorated sputum</p> <p>Induced sputum</p> <p>Endotracheal aspirate</p> <p>Bronchoscopic specimens not specifically collected for anaerobes.</p> <p>Bronchoalveolar lavage</p>
Central Nervous System	<p>Abscess aspirate obtained with needle and syringe</p> <p>Biopsy material surgically obtained.</p>	Aerobic swabs
Abdomen	<p>Peritoneal fluid obtained with needle and syringe</p> <p>Abscess aspirate obtained by needle and syringe</p> <p>Biopsy material surgically obtained.</p>	Aerobic swabs
Urinary tract	Suprapubic aspirate	Voided or catheterized urine
Female genital tract	<p>Culdoscopy specimen</p> <p>Endometrial aspirate</p> <p>Abscess aspirate obtained by needle and syringe</p> <p>Biopsy material surgically obtained</p> <p>IUD for Actinomyces species</p>	Vaginal or cervical swabs

Bone and joint	Aspirate obtained by needle and syringe  Biopsy material surgically obtained	Superficial material collected with swabs
Soft tissue	Aspirate obtained with needle and syringe  Biopsy material obtained surgically  Aspirate from sinus tract obtained by needle and small plastic catheter  Deep aspirate of open wound margin obtained through decontamination of the skin  Deep aspirate of surface ulcer obtained through decontamination of the skin	Superficial material collected from skin surfaces or edges of wound

Feces, gastric or small bowel contents and colostomy stoma are not acceptable for Anaerobic cultures.