

Microbiology Culture Collection Guide

Culture	Container	Rejection Criteria
Wound Culture - Bacterial Culture, Deep Wound (LAB503) - Bacterial Culture, Superficial Wound (LAB6576)	ESwab   Sterile Container 	ESwab received more than 48 hours from collection. Sterile container received more than 24 hours from collection. Received frozen. Dry swab received. Leaking container. ESwab submitted for AFB culture.
Abscess Culture Bacterial Culture, Abscess (LAB3087)	Sterile Container  	Received more than 24 hours from collection. Received frozen. Leaking container.

Body Fluid Culture Bacterial Culture, Body Fluids (LAB269)	Sterile Container 	Received more than 24 hours from collection. Received frozen. Leaking container. Received in an anticoagulant.
Tissue Culture Bacterial Culture, Tissue or Surgical (LAB271)	Sterile Container 	Received more than 24 hours from collection. Received frozen. Leaking container.
Cerebrospinal Culture Bacterial Culture, Cerebrospinal Fluid (LAB268)	Lumbar Puncture Tube 	Received more than 24 hours from collection. Received frozen. Leaking container.

Staph. Aureus Screen Culture ▪ Cult Bact SA Screen (LAB6590) Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus Screen Culture ▪ Cult Bact VRE Screen (LAB6589)	ESwab 	Received more than 48 hours from collection. Received frozen. Dry swab received. Leaking container.
Neisseria gonorrhoeae (GC) Culture ▪ Cult. Bact Gonorrhea (LAB1382)	ESwab  Sterile Container 	Received more than 24 hours from collection. Received frozen. Dry swab received. Leaking container.
Throat Culture ▪ Culture Bact Throat (LAB228)	ESwab 	Received more than 48 hours from collection. Received frozen. Dry swab received. Leaking container.

Sinus Culture ▪ Culture Bact Sinus (LAB3096)	ESwab 	Received more than 48 hours from collection. Received frozen. Dry swab received. Leaking container.
Bronchial Culture ▪ Bacterial Culture, Bronchoalveolar lavage (LAB267)	Sterile Container Mucus Trap Device 	Received more than 4 hours from collection, unrefrigerated. Received more than 24 hours from collection, refrigerated. Received frozen. Leaking container. Received with collection materials. Received without container cap secured.

Respiratory Culture Bacterial Culture, Respiratory (LAB900)	Sterile Container  Mucus Trap Device  Sputum Collection Kit 	Received more than 4 hours from collection, unrefrigerated. Received more than 24 hours from collection, refrigerated. Received frozen. Leaking container. Received with collection materials. Received without container cap secured.
Cystic Fibrosis Respiratory Culture Bacterial Culture, Respiratory Cystic Fibrosis (LAB3091)	ESwab  Sterile Container  Sputum Collection Kit  Mucus Trap Device 	ESwab received more than 48 hours from collection. Sterile container received more than 4 hours from collection unrefrigerated, greater than 24 hours refrigerated. Received frozen. Leaking container. Received with collection materials. Received without container cap secured.

Bone Marrow Culture Bacterial Culture, Bone Marrow (LAB3088)	Sterile screw top SPS vacutainer tube 	Received more than 24 hours from collection. Received frozen. Leaking container. Received in anticoagulant tube other than SPS.
Urine Culture Bacterial Culture, Urine (LAB239)	Urine gray top 	Received more than 48 hours from collection. Not refrigerated or transferred to tube within 2 hours of collection. Less than 3ml received in tube.
Yeast Culture Yeast Culture from Throat, Urine, Genital (LAB6579)	ESwab  Urine gray top 	Received more than 48 hours from collection. Urine not refrigerated or transferred to tube within 2 hours of collection. Less than 3ml urine received in tube. Received frozen. Leaking container.

Fungal Culture Fungal Culture, HSN - Fungal Culture (LAB241) - Fungal Culture, Hair Skin and Nail (LAB242)	Sterile Container   Lumbar Puncture Tube  Sputum Collection Kit Mucus Trap Device  	Received more than 24 hours from collection (excluding respiratory). Respiratory specimens received more than 4 hours from collection, unrefrigerated. Received more than 24 hours from collection, refrigerated. Received frozen. Leaking container. Received in an anticoagulant. Received with collection materials. Received without container cap secured.
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AFB Culture Acid-fast Bacillus Culture (LAB877)	Sterile Container   Lumbar Puncture Tube  Sputum Collection Kit Mucus Trap Device  	Received more than 24 hours from collection (excluding respiratory). Respiratory specimens received more than 4 hours from collection, unrefrigerated. Received more than 24 hours from collection, refrigerated. Received frozen. Leaking container. Received in an anticoagulant. Received with collection materials. Received without container cap secured. Eswab submitted.
AFB Blood Culture Fungal Blood Culture - Acid-fast Bacillus Culture, Blood (LAB246) - Fungal Culture, Blood (LAB242)	Myco/F Lytic Bottle 	Received more than 24 hours from collection.

Blood Culture (Adult and Pediatric) ▪ Bacterial Culture, Blood – Adult (LAB462) ▪ Bacterial Culture, Pediatric Blood (LAB3089)	BactT/ Alert Bottles  Aerobic Pediatric Anaerobic FA PLUS PF PLUS FN PLUS	Received more than 24 hours from collection.
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