

Microbiology Orderables Tip Sheet

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Questions? Call Lab Customer Service at 615-875-5227 (5-LABS)

Abscess Culture

Potential Sources

- Drainage
- Pus (>1ml if possible)

Container

- Sterile screw top
- Syringe

Culture Bact Abscess

- LAB3087

Tissue/Surgical Culture

Potential Sources

- Biopsy
Container: Sterile screw top
- Bone
Container: Sterile screw top
- Tissue
Container: Sterile screw top

C Tissue and/or Surgical Culture

- LAB271

Bronchial Culture

Potential Sources

- Bronchial lavage/wash
- TBNA

Container

- Sterile screw top

Culture Bact BAL

- LAB267

Yeast Culture

Potential Sources

- Genital
Container: Eswab
- Throat
Container: Eswab
- Urine
Container: Urine gray top

Culture from Throat, Urine, Genital

- LAB6579

Body Fluid Culture

Potential Sources

- Amniotic fluid
Container: Sterile screw top
 - Pericardial fluid
Container: Sterile screw top container or blood culture bottles
 - Peritoneal fluid
Container: Sterile screw top container
 - Pleural fluid
Container: Sterile screw top container
- Culture Bact Body Fluid**
- LAB269

Joint Culture

Potential Sources

- Synovial fluid or synovial tissue
 - Elbow
 - Hip
 - Knee
 - Shoulder
 - Wrist

Container

- Sterile screw top
- Syringe

Culture Bact Joint

- LAB6578

Respiratory/Sinus Culture

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Potential Sources

- Sputum
- Tracheal aspirate
- Transtracheal scar

Container

- Sterile screw top

Culture Bact Respiratory

- LAB900

C Sinus

Potential Sources

- Maxillary sinus
- Sphenoid sinus

Container

- Sterile screw top
- Eswab

Culture Bact Sinus

- LAB3096

Staph. aureus Screen

SA Screen

Potential Sources

- Nares
- Skin

Container

- Eswab

Culture Bact SA Screen

- LAB6590

Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus Screen Culture

VRE Screen

Potential Sources

- Rectal

Container

- Eswab

Culture Bact VRE Screen

- LAB6589

Wound Culture (Deep)

(Subcutaneous Wounds)

Potential Sources

- Debridement
- Surgical site

Container

- Eswab

Culture Bact Wound Deep

- LAB503

Wound Culture (Superficial)

(Epidermis and Dermis Wounds)

Potential Sources

- Cath tip
- Ear
- External eye
- Rash
- Skin
- Surgical site

Container

- Eswab
- Sterile container

Culture Bact Wnd Spr

- LAB6576