

Anaerobic Culture

Order Name: **C WOUN AN**
Test Number: 6000050
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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Anaerobic Culture	Culture	635-3

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	2mL (1)	Tissue or Fluid	Sterile Screwtop Container	Room Temperature
Alternate 1	1 Swab	Swab	Copan eSwab - White (Regular size)	Room Temperature
Alternate 2	1 Swab	Swab	Copan eSwab - Green (Mini-tip)	Room Temperature
Instructions	Regular size applicator Copan eSwab - White Avoid skin surfaces, mouth, oral, anal, and vaginal areas which have normal anaerobic flora. Clean surface of lesions with alcohol. Fluid and tissue specimens are preferred over swab collections for optimal recovery of pathogens. Transport to the lab as soon as possible. Swab specimens should arrive within 2 days of collection. Stool and sputum specimens are not acceptable for anaerobic culture. Specimens submitted in EDTA are unacceptable for culture			

GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	4-14 days, depending on specific source indicated
Clinical Use	Determines presence or absence of anaerobic bacteria in culture.
CPT Code(s)	87075
Lab Section	Microbiology