

Aerobic Culture and Stain

Order Name: **C WOUN RTS**
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TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Aerobic Culture and Stain	Culture	

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS				
Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	1mL	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	Fluids and tissues are preferred for optimal recovery of pathogens. If a swab is utilized for collection, clean surface of lesions with alcohol first. Transport to the lab as soon as possible. Swab specimens should arrive within 2 days of collection. Specimens should be stored and transported at room temperature. Dry swabs, specimens in non-sterile transport devices, viral media, formalin (or formalin containers), alcohol, or refrigerated and/or frozen specimens are unacceptable. Specimens submitted in EDTA are unacceptable for culture.			

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	3 Days
Clinical Use	Aerobic culture for determining bacterial pathogens from wound, tissue and sterile fluid sites.
Notes	Sensitivities done on isolates considered pathogens.
CPT Code(s)	87070, 87205
Lab Section	Microbiology