

Group B Streptococcus Culture

Order Name: **C STREP B**

Test Number: 6000255

Revision Date: 10/12/2023

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Group B Streptococcus Culture	Culture	

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	See Instructions	Swab	Copan eSwab - White (Regular size)	Room Temperature
Alternate 1	See Instructions	Swab	Copan eSwab - Green (Mini-tip)	Room Temperature
Instructions	At 35 to 37 weeks gestation, vaginal swab specimens are collected from the lower third of the vagina (vaginal introitus - without using a speculum) and from the anal canal (a single swab from the vagina then the anal canal, or a swab collected from each site). Cervical swabs, perianal, perirectal, or perineal specimens are NOT acceptable. Swabs should be set up within 2 days for optimal recovery. However, culturing specimens greater than 24 hours after collection may yield false-negative results and is strongly discouraged. Susceptibility testing is not performed routinely. If susceptibility is needed due to penicillin allergy, please document "Patient is allergic to penicillin, please perform susceptibility if positive" on the requisition.			

GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	2 Days
Clinical Use	Detects Group B Streptococcus (GBS)
CPT Code(s)	87081
Lab Section	Microbiology