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# Mouth Swab

## Synonyms

## Clinical Indication

Please give detailed clinical information, including date of onset/contact with the suspected infection and any current, or intended antibiotic therapy.

## Part of Profile / See Also

Microscopy for yeasts

Culture for bacteria and fungi; antibiotic sensitivities on potential pathogens.

## Request Form

Microbiology or combined Pathology manual request form or ICE request

## Availability / Frequency of Analysis

On request during normal working hours

## Turnaround Time

72 hours

## Patient Preparation

## Sample Requirements

### Specimen Type

Bacterial culture swab in transport medium

### Volume

### Container

Swab in suitable transport medium

**Samples should be transported to laboratory on day of collection.**

## Reference Range & Units

N/A

## Interferences

N/A

## Interpretation & Clinical

## Decision Value (if applicable)

Interpret any culture results from this non-sterile site with caution

## References

UK SMI Bacteriology | B 4 | Issue no: 7.2 | Issue date: 23.08.22 – Investigation of superficial mouth swabs

## Test code

MOUT

## Lab Handling

Samples should be processed as soon as possible.