



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

48 hours for fungal culture and antibiotic sensitivities on potential pathogens

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

Interferences

Interpretation & Clinical

Decision Value (if applicable)

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

References

Test code

MOUT

Lab Handling

Samples should be processed as soon as possible