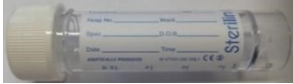


Pus

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	<p>Microscopy: For organisms and WBCs (parasites only where indicated)</p> <p>Culture for aerobic and anaerobic bacteria.</p> <p>Microscopy for acid fast bacilli (AFB) and culture for Mycobacteria if clinically indicated or specifically requested. Refer to PF-PTD 215</p>
Request Form	ICE / Medway order comms request or if order coms not available, use handwritten Microbiology request form
Availability / Frequency of Analysis	<p>During working day</p> <p>For urgent requests please contact laboratory on 01268 968285</p>
Turnaround Time	10 days
Patient Preparation	
Sample Requirements	Refrigerate sample if there is to be a delay in delivery to laboratory.
Specimen Type	Fluid pus is preferred; a bacterial swab in transport medium is a poor alternative.
Volume	Up to 20 ml (minimum volume 0.5 ml)
Container	White capped sterile universal - CE marked
	
Reference Range & Units	
Interferences	
Interpretation & Clinical Decision Value (if applicable)	Cultures will be reported with antibiotic susceptibilities where appropriate.
References	UK SMI Bacteriology B 14 Issue no: 6.2 Issue date: 22.11.16 Investigation of Pus and Exudates
Test code	PUSF
Lab Handling	Process on receipt



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