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Throat 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.

If diphtheria is suspected, please contact the Microbiology Department because *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* is NOT detected by our normal routine process.

Part of Profile / See Also

Microscopy for Vincent's organism or yeasts if requested, or clinically indicated, culture for pathogenic bacteria

Request Form

ICE order comms form (handwritten request – [only if order comms not available](#))

Availability / Frequency of Analysis

On request during normal working hours

Turnaround Time

[72 hours](#)

Patient Preparation

Sample Requirements

Samples should be transported to laboratory on day of collection.

Specimen Type

Bacterial culture swab in transport medium

Volume

Container

Reference Range & Units

Interferences

Corynebacterium diphtheriae is NOT detected by our normal routine process.

Interpretation & Clinical

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

Decision Value (if applicable)

References

[UK SMI Bacteriology | B 9 | Issue no: 9 | Issue date: 15.04.15 | Investigation of Throat Related Specimens](#)

Test code

[THRO](#)

Lab Handling

Samples should be processed as soon as possible.