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Media Plating Chart

Always process culture media at Medical Center and forward plates to Regional Reference Laboratory

Instructions: Plate only the ones marked with X. Do NOT plate the grayed out areas.

Culture	Health Connect Order code	Specimens	BAP	CHOC	CNA	MAC	THIO	GS	Other	Comments
			(or BAP/CHOC Bi-plate)**	(or CNA/MAC Bi-plate)**						
MODIFIED Q SCORE WITH REFLEX TO SPUTUM CULTURE	87205ZX	Sputum	X	X	X	X		X	Mod Q Score	Process in less than 2 hours
		Bronchial (not BAL)	X	X	X	X		X		Process in less than 2 hours
		Lung washing	X	X	X	X		X		Process in less than 2 hours
		Tracheal/ endotracheal/ trans tracheal	X	X	X	X		X		Process in less than 2 hours
CYSTIC FIBROSIS RESPIRATORY CULTURE	87070Q		X	X	X				CF add BCSA and MSA agar	
		Bronchial (BAL)	X	X	X	X				Streak for quantitation using 0.01 mL calibrated loop. Process in 2 hours
CULTURE, RESPIRATORY, BACTERIAL, QN	87071E		X	X	X			X*		Centrifuge >1 mL, inoculate sediment
		CSF Shunt	X	X	X	X		X*		Inoculate blood bottles with 10 mL each of uncentrifuged fluid. * cytospin for GS preparation
CULTURE, CSF	87070I	CAPD Fluid	X	X	X	X		X*	Aerobic/ Anaerobic Blood Bottle	
		Abdominal	X	X	X	X		X		
		Abscess (sterile site)	X	X	X	X		X		
		Ascites Fluid	X	X	X	X		X*	Aerobic/ Anaerobic Blood Bottle	
		Aspirate/ Exudate/ Drainage	X	X	X	X		X		
		Bone Marrow	X	X	X	X		X		Sodium Hep
		Cornea/Vitreous Fluid	X	X	X	X		X		Send cornea tissue to Regional Laboratory
		Joint fluid/synovial	X	X	X	X		X*		Cytospin for gram stain, if not thick
		Pericardial Fluid	X	X	X	X		X		Centrifuge if >10mL and inoculate sediment.
		Peritoneal fluid	X	X	X	X		X		Cytospin for gram stain, if not thick.
		Pleural Fluid	X	X	X	X		X		
		Fluid, non-specified	X	X	X	X		X		
Tissue swab (no tissue mass)	X	X	X	X		X			Med Center to perform gram stain: take 1 drop of fluid from swab using a sterile transfer pipette Send plates to Regional Laboratory	
Tissue mass									submit moist (1-2 drops sterile saline) in sterile container	Send tissue to Regional Laboratory

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CULTURE, CATHETER TIP	870810	Hickman, Central, PICC, other IV or arterial line tips	X						roll tip over surface of agar, do not remove catheter tip. Also, collect blood cultures X2.	Do not culture tips other than IV line tips such as Hemodialysis tips, foley tips, other large catheter-like segments. Send others tips in a sterile cup.
Legend for Notes: (*) = Cytospin for GS preparation, (**) = Bi-plates for sterile site specimens only (use with Manual Streaking Station labels)										
Culture Urine	Urine with > 3ml: place into grey top tube and send to Regional Reference Lab									
Culture Urine, low volume	Urine with < 3ml: DO NOT put into grey top tubes, inoculate at Med Center using scheme below									
CULTURE, URINE	87088C	Clean catch, indwelling catheter							One BAP/MAC bi-plate	Plate 1:1000 only (1 ul loop)
CULTURE, URINE [1:100 DILUTION]	87088I	Straight cath, cystoscopy, suprapubic, nephrostomy, kidney							Two BAP/MAC bi-plates	Plate both 1:100 (10 ul loop) and 1:1000 (1 ul loop)
CULTURE, URINE, TRANSPLANT PROTOCOL	87088F	Sterile collection							One BAP/MAC bi-plates	Plate 1:1000 only (1 ul loop)
URINE CULTURE (IN PREGNANCY)	87088G	Clean catch and others							One BAP/MAC bi-plate	Plate 1:1000 only (1 ul loop)
URINE CULTURE FOLEY CATHETER	87088N	Urine collected from Foley Catheter							One BAP/MAC bi-plate	Plate 1:1000 only (1 ul loop)
Note: Urine and Catheter tip media do not require CO ₂ during transport incubation. All other culture media (respiratory/sterile site/CSF) require CO ₂ during transport incubation. If limited space just add CHOC to CO ₂ .										
Test Information for Medical Centers, Non-Plated Cultures										
Culture	Health Connect Order Code	Other	Comments							
CULTURE, ACTINOMYCES ANAEROBIC	87075A	Anaerobic Transport, See LabNet								
CULTURE, AFB	87100	See LabNet for acceptable specimens								
	Physician collect	Cornea/Corneal scrapings: direct inoculation onto LJ media								
CULTURE, ANAEROBIC	87075G	Anaerobic Transport, See LabNet								
CULTURE, ANAEROBIC PERIPROSTHETIC JOINT STERILE SITE	87075V	Anaerobic Transport, See LabNet								
CULTURE, BLOOD	87040D	Aerobic (FA) and Anaerobic (FN), See LabNet	Send to Regional Laboratory							
CULTURE, CIPROFLOXACIN RESISTANT E. COLI, RECTAL SWAB	87046L	Rectal Swab (Eswab), See LabNet								
CULTURE, DIALYSIS ENVIRONMENTAL	N/A	Includes dialysis water and dialysate, See LabNet								

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CULTURE, FUNGUS	87102E	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	
	Physician collect	Cornea/Cornea scrapings: direct inoculation onto IMA/SABHI media	
NEISSERIA GOMORRHOEAEE SCREENING CULTURE	87081B	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	IMA/SABHI can be requested from SWL
CULTURE, GENITAL	87070H	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	
CULTURE, GROUP B STREP	87081C	Specimens from females only, See Labnet	
LEGIONELLA SPECIES SCREENING CULTURE	87081E	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	
MRSA Surveillance Culture	87081ZAH	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	Send on Ice to Regional Laboratory
CULTURE, NOCARDIA	87116D	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	
CULTURE, NON STERILE SITE	87070ZZH	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	
STAPH AUREUS SCREEN, CULTURE	87081ZAN	Eswab: axilla, nares, groin, rectal, throat, See LabNet	
Culture, Stool	Inactive	Use Bacterial GI PCR Panel 87505A	Send to Regional Laboratory
CULTURE, AEROMONAS AND PLESIOMONAS	87046M	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	
CULTURE, VIBRIO	87046J	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	
CULTURE, YERSINIA	87046B	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	
CULTURE, THROAT (RO)	87081D	Send swab if negative screen test	
Culture, VRE screening	87081ZAW	See LabNet for acceptable specimens	