

SERVICE UPDATE

CAMPUS AFFECTED: Methodist, Proctor, Rock Island, Moline, Bettendorf

AFFECTS PATIENT CARE

TEST NAME: Culture Anaerobic

DATE OF CHANGE: March 1, 2017

SPECIMEN TYPE: Surface wounds collected on a swab

ORDERING CODES: **EPIC:** LAB233

SQ: VCANER

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION: This also applies to culture aerobic/anaerobic.
EPIC: LAB4353 SQ: VCAANC

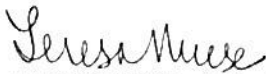
Unity Point Methodist will discontinue offering anaerobic culture testing on any specimen that is collected on a red culture swab. Aerobic testing is still acceptable with a red culture swab. Wound samples collected on swabs are suboptimal specimens, easily contaminated with anaerobic skin flora, and are not appropriate for demonstration of true pathogens in most situations.

We will still continue testing for anaerobes from sterile body sites, including body fluids, tissue specimens, and anaerobic swabs collected from surgery.

For further information refer to UnityPoint Methodist Laboratory User Manual

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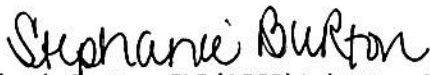
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