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Performing the acridine orange stain:

1	SoftMic ordering code is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ACROR in the media resulting plate log if used to verify bacteria seen in gram stain• STAU in test reporting log if used to verify no bacteria seen on positive blood culture smear
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turn on the fluorescent component of the microscope and allow the lamp to warm up for at least 15 minutes
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare a smear of the sample
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place slide on the slide warmer in the BSC until dry
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fix smear with methanol for 1 minute• Drain off remaining methanol without rinsing• Allow slide to air dry again
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flood slide with acridine orange stain for 2 minutes
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drain the excess stain and rinse thoroughly with tap water
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Place slides in a slide holder and allow to drip dry• Stained slides may be placed in the O₂ incubator

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