

Specimen types submitted for Anaerobic Culture

Sterile ¹		Non-sterile	For Anaerobic Culture		For All Culture	
ACCEPTABLE	Body Fluid	Amniotic Disk space Joint (synovial, bursa) Pericardial Peritoneal (abdominal/ascites) Pleural (chest/empyema) Shunt		Body Fluid	Bile Drainages (Biliary, JP/Pigtain, Chest tube Percutaneous)	Gall stones/Kidney stones Breast Milk Emesis Matter Foreign Bodies not from OR/IR
	Tissue	Specimens from OR/IR (CXANO) Bone Solid Organs Soft tissue	Skin Punch Biopsy (CXANA)	Abscess	Rectal	
	Abscess	Specimens from OR/IR (CXANO) Bone Solid organs (brain, heart, liver, spleen) Soft tissue aspirations	Specimens not from OR/IR (CXANA) retro-pharyngeal Pelvic Abdominal	Swab	Specimens collected outside OR/IR- cancelled and reordered as CXWND ²	
	Swab	Only when received from OR/IR (CXANO)		Bronchial wash/BAL CSF ET aspiration Specimens with epithelial cells in GS (except OR) ³		
	Bone Marrow Cornea Dialysate Vitreous fluid Hardware from OR/IR (if no other accompanying specimens received)		Foreign Bodies from OR/IR (if no other accompanying specimens received)			

1. Refer to [Refer to Critical Results Notification Procedure](#)

2. Refer to [Cancels and Credits Procedure](#)

3. Refer to [Gram Stains Procedure](#)