The exact nature and source of the specimen, including the specific anatomic culture site must be specified on the requisition.

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| **AANC**  
Anaerobic Culture** with Smear**  
Aerobic growth reported | Wound Culture (Deep), Fluid Culture; Aspirate Culture; Tissue Culture | Aspirates, body fluids, tissue or material collected from areas without normal flora are preferred. | Fluid/tissue submitted in a sterile container or bacterial transport medium. Ambient temperature |
| **MRMSSA**  
MRSA/MSSA Culture | Methicillin sensitive and resistant Staphylococcus aureus | Nares, rectal, skin | Swab in transport media, ESwab at ambient temperature |
| **ROCS**  
Aerobic growth with smear | Wound Culture (Superficial) | Eye, ear, urethral, superficial wound, and skin specimens (specify anatomical site). Genital sources on females age 10 and under and postmenopausal females | Swab in transport media, ESwab at ambient temperature |
| **ROC**  
Aerobic culture NO smear | Catheter tip Culture | Catheter tip | Catheter tip in sterile container, ambient (do not submit associated tubing) |
| **SPROCS**  
Extend Hold Anaerobe/Aerobe Cult/Smr | Propionibacterium Acnes Culture  
Actinomyces Culture | Surgical hardware, Cornea, Cornea scrapings/rim, Eye fluid (Vitreous/Aqueous), Scleral buckle, Intrauterine device (IUD) | Cornea in transport media, surgical hardware in a sterile container |
| **STTH**  
Strep Group A Culture | Strep throat culture | Throat, tonsils  
From pediatric patients: Rectal, perianal, vaginal or vaginal/rectal swab acceptable | ESwab collection kit, aerobic culture swab in transport media, ambient |
| **RTC**  
Respiratory Culture NO smear | Nasopharyngeal Culture, Complete throat culture | Nasopharyngeal secretions  
Throat, Tonsils | Swab in transport media, ESwab at ambient temperature |
| **RTCS**  
Respiratory Culture with Smear | Sputum Culture, Tracheal Culture | Sputum, tracheal secretions, bronchial lavage, bronchial washings, bronchial brushings. Specimens (Sputum and tracheal) will be rejected if excessive oral contamination is present. | Sputum in a sterile leak-proof container, refrigerated. Swab in transport media, ESwab acceptable for tracheal secretions only, at ambient temperature. Bronchial brushes in a sterile screw capped tube with 1 mL of sterile 0.85% sodium chloride. |
| **STGEN**  
Strep. Group B Culture | Strep Screen  
Vaginal/Rectal  
GP B, GBS | Vaginal and/or rectal swab submitted in ESwab. Collecting both a vaginal and rectal swab (or a combined anogenital swab) results in increased detection of Group B Strep colonization | ESwab collection kit, ambient Aerobic culture swab in transport media, ambient |
| **GBSCS**  
Strep. Group B Culture WITH sensitivity |  |  |  |
| **REPCS**  
Genital Culture with Smear | Vaginal/Endocervical Culture, Reproductive Culture | Vaginal/Endocervical swab. Order Aerobic Culture and Smear (ROCS) for females age 10 and under and postmenopausal females. | ESwab, aerobic swab in transport media, ambient. |
| **OVAP**  
Ova and Parasite with Microscopic Exam | O and P, Ova and Parasite with Foreign Travel History | Stool (Do not submit diaper). Body fluids. Three specimens collected over a 10 day period are optimum for organism recovery. | Stool preserved in 10% formalin+ PVA or SAF Para-Pak, both ambient. Also acceptable: Stool preserved in ECOFIX |
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<td>Stool Culture</td>
<td>Stool (Do not submit diaper or swab)</td>
<td>Stool in Cary – Blair transport media</td>
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<td>Urine Culture</td>
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<td>Midstream clean catch, or straight catheter</td>
<td>4.0 mL gray top preservative tube (MUST be filled to the mark on side of the tube) ambient or sterile container if low volume, refrigerated</td>
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<td>SYNCS Culture, Synovial Fluid with Smear</td>
<td>Joint Fluid Culture, Prosthetic joint culture</td>
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<td>Synovial fluid collected in a sterile leak-proof container, ESwabs are acceptable, but not recommended.</td>
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<td>FNCS Culture and Smear, Fungal</td>
<td>Mold Culture, Nocardia Culture</td>
<td>Specimen other than hair, skin scrapings, and nail (Indicate if Blastomyces, Coccidioides, or Histoplasma is suspected.)</td>
<td>Sterile specimen container. ESwab is acceptable, but not preferred. Transport CSF, tissue and ESwab, ambient. All others, refrigerate.</td>
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<td>FNC Culture, Fungal</td>
<td>Dermatophytes Culture, Ringworm Culture, Mold Culture</td>
<td>Hair, skin scrapings, nails ONLY</td>
<td>Clean dry container at ambient temperature for hair, skin scrapings or nails.</td>
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<td>YSTC Yeast Culture</td>
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<td>Mouth, urine or vaginal swab</td>
<td>Swab submitted in ESwab (also acceptable: aerobic culture swab) urine in a gray top boric acid preservative tube. Must be filled to the mark on the side of the gray top tube.</td>
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<td>BLFC Blood, Fungal Culture</td>
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<td>Blood, Bone marrow</td>
<td>Blood in yellow (SPS) 7.0 mL tube. Optimal blood volume: &gt; 1 mL. Bone Marrow in yellow (SPS) 7.0 mL. Optimal bone marrow volume: &gt; 0.5 mL</td>
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<td>BLMY Culture, Blood for Mycobacteria</td>
<td>AFB blood culture, TB blood culture, Blood culture Mycobacteria, AFB bone marrow culture</td>
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**Unacceptable Conditions:**

- Specimens delayed in transport to lab, refrigerated or frozen sample.
- Fluid in EDTA.
- Specimens from site with normal anaerobic flora, such as:
  - Catheter tips
  - Cervical/Endocervical swabs
  - Colostomy
  - Decubitus
  - Gingival swabs
  - Ileostomy
  - Nasopharyngeal/Nares/Nasal swabs
  - Oropharyngeal/Tonsil swabs
  - Prostatic/seminal fluids
  - Rash, skin
  - Rectal/Anal swabs
  - Sputum (expectorated or suctioned). Tracheal/Endotracheal aspirates
  - Stool and large bowel contents (except for Clostridium botulinum)
  - Superficial wounds
  - Throat/Tonsil swabs
  - Urethral swabs
  - Urine (voided or catheterized)
  - Vaginal/vulva swabs