

Tissue Culture, Surgical



Alternate Name:	None
Test Includes:	<p>Isolation and identification of potential aerobic and anaerobic pathogens</p> <p>Antibiotic susceptibility testing of aerobic pathogens where indicated</p> <p>Gram stain</p>
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	<p>Large specimens are best placed into a sterile screw capped container, on sterile gauze or telfa squares moistened with sterile , nonbacteriostatic saline or water. Saline is recommended when Legionella species is suspected.</p> <p>Small specimens are best placed into a culturette.</p>
Minimum Volume Required:	N/A
Testing Availability	<p>Routine: 24 hours / day</p> <p>Stat: No</p>
Turnaround Time:	Preliminary results for aerobic organisms is available after 24 hours and 48 hours for anaerobes.
Special Handling:	<p>Specific site of specimen must be stated.</p> <p>Specimen must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.</p>
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	N/A

Reference Range:	No Growth
Critical Value:	N/A
CPT Code:	87071 and 87073
HED Test Group:	Test Group: MLAB at NH site
HED Test Name:	Test Group: CLAB at CF site Test Name: Tissue Culture
Testing Methodology:	Culture
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling. Specimen not collected in a sterile container. Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside. Specimen not delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
Other Comments:	N/A
Clinical Significance:	N/A