



## Acid Fast Bacilli Culture

<b>Alternate Name:</b>	AFB Culture, Mycobacteria culture	
<b>Performing Lab:</b>	New Hanover	
<b>Specimen Container:</b>	Sterile container appropriate for the type of specimen	
<b>Minimum Volume Required:</b>	1.0 mL	
<b>Testing Availability</b>	<b>Routine:</b>	24 hours/day
	<b>Stat:</b>	No
<b>Turnaround Time:</b>	6 weeks	
	Physicians, patient's nurse and Infection Control will be notified immediately of positive smears and/or cultures.	
<b>Special Handling:</b>	Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.	
	Specific site of specimen must be stated.	
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>	None	
<b>Specimen Stability:</b>		
<b>Reference Range:</b>	No Acid Fast Bacilli isolate	
<b>Critical Value:</b>		
<b>CPT Code:</b>	87206 AFB smear 87116 AFB culture	
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>	Culture	
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>	Improper labeling Outside of specimen container contaminated	
<b>Other Comments:</b>	Test includes:  Culture for Mycobacteria species	

Smear for Mycobacteria species

**Clinical Significance:**

Isolate and identify Mycobacteria