

Ear Culture - Outer



Alternate Name:	Otitis externa, ear culture external
Test includes:	Isolation and identification of potential pathogens. Antibiotic susceptibility testing of aerobes where indicated. Gram stain
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Sterile Culture Swab
Minimum Volume Required:	N/A
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	Preliminary reports are available after 24 hours.
Special Handling:	Specific site of specimen must be stated (External ear) Specimen must be delivered to the laboratory within 2 to 8 hours of collection. If that is not possible, the specimen must be refrigerated until delivered.
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	No growth
Critical Value:	N/A
CPT Code:	87070
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 lab within 2 – 8 hours of collection.
Swabs must be received in a moist state.

Other Comments:

Clinical Significance:

N/A