

## Eye Culture - Cornea

## Direct Inoculation to media

<b>Alternate Name:</b>	None
<b>Test includes:</b>	Isolation and identification of potential pathogens.  Antibiotic susceptibility testing of aerobes where indicated.  Gram stain
<b>Performing Lab:</b>	New Hanover
<b>Specimen Container:</b>	Direct inoculation to media
<b>Minimum Volume Required:</b>	N/A
<b>Testing Availability</b>	<b>Routine:</b> 24 hours/day <b>Stat:</b> No
<b>Turnaround Time:</b>	Preliminary reports are available after 24 hours.
<b>Special Handling:</b>	Specific site of specimen must be stated (Eye - Cornea)  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.
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>	None
<b>Specimen Stability:</b>	
<b>Reference Range:</b>	No growth
<b>Critical Value:</b>	N/A
<b>CPT Code:</b>	87070
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>	Culture
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>	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