

## Modified Acid Fast Smear for Nocardia

Dependent on Source

<b>Alternate Name:</b>	None
<b>Performing Lab:</b>	New Hanover
<b>Test Includes:</b>	Modified acid-fast stain
<b>Specimen Container:</b>	Specimen dependent
<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>	24 hours
<b>Special Handling:</b>	Specimen must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>	N/A
<b>Specimen Stability:</b>	N/A
<b>Reference Range:</b>	No Nocardia seen on smear
<b>Critical Value:</b>	N/A
<b>CPT Code:</b>	
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>	Microscopic examination
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>	Improper labeling. Specimen not collected in sterile container. Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside. Specimens not delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
<b>Other Comments:</b>	Specific site of specimen must be stated on culture request.
<b>Clinical Significance:</b>	N/A