

Acceptable Specimen Container

Wound Culture, Superficial



Alternate Name: Aerobic culture **Test Includes:** Isolation and identification of potential aerobic pathogens. Antibiotic susceptibility testing where indicated. Gram stain **Performing Lab: New Hanover Specimen Container:** Swab (ex. Culturette) **Minimum Volume Required:** N/A **Testing Availability** Routine: 24 hours / day Stat: No **Turnaround Time:** Preliminary results for aerobic organisms available after 24 hours Special Handling: Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection. Specific site of specimen must be provided with specimen **Patient Preparation:** N/A Specimen Stability: N/A Reference Range: No growth **Critical Value:** N/A **CPT Code:** 87071 Culture **Testing Methodology: Causes for Specimen Rejection:** Improper labeling Dry swabs Specimen not collected in a sterile container Specimen not delivered to the

	laboratory within 30 minutes of collection
Other Comments:	N/A
Clinical Significance:	N/A