



Autopsy Culture

Test Description

Autopsy culture is a qualitative assay for bacterial culture and identification from cadaverous specimens.

Acceptable Specimens: collection guide and transport conditions

- Swab or tissue
 - Temperature: Refrigerated (2-8 °C)
 - Container: a 2 mL Mueller-Hinton broth transport tube
 - Notes: Specimen(s) suspected for *N. meningitidis* should not be refrigerated and should be delivered to the lab as soon as possible after collection
- Blood or CSF sample
 - Temperature: Ambient (20-25 °C)
 - Container: anaerobic blood bottle
 - Notes: Specimen(s) suspected for *N. meningitidis* should not be refrigerated and should be delivered to the lab as soon as possible after collection
- Inoculated MTM Agar
 - Temperature: Ambient (20-25 °C)
 - Container: O₂ deficient container
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Laboratory Unit

Bacteriology

Methodology

Culture

Test Request

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Possible Results:

- Present
- Absent

Reference Range

Absent

Rejection Criteria

- Unreadable/missing/insufficient labeling
- Wrong specimen collection kit
- Expired specimen collection kit
- Storage/transportation requirements not met
- Leaking or contaminated specimen transport container
- Quantity not sufficient
- Specimen too old
 - Collected it in acceptable kit but did not submit within appropriate time window
- Improperly collected specimen.
- Specimen not inoculated/ no specimen submitted

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Result Reported

2-14 days

LOINC Code(s)

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