**Specific Aerobic Culture Types:**

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| Specimen is: | **Ear** | **Eye** | **Sinus or Nasopharyngeal** | **Genital** | | **Sterile Body Fluid** | **Lower Respiratory** |
|  | Exudate from otitis media or otitis externa | Conjunctival, lid margin, aspirate (vitreous, aqueous), corneal scrapings, donor corneas | Nasopharyngeal, sinuses | Vaginal, cervical, urethral | | Except blood | Sputum, BAL, miniBAL, bronch brush, tracheal aspirate |
| Order this test: | Culture Ear | Culture Eye | Culture Nasal/ Nasopharyngeal | Culture Genital without *N. gonorrhoeae* | Culture Genital with *N. gonorrhoeae* | Culture Fluid | Culture Lower Respiratory |
|  | **EACUL**  LAB11370 | **EYCUL** LAB943 | **NPCUL**  LAB11369 | **GNCUL** LAB10385 | **GCCUL** LAB10376 | **FLCUL**  LAB269 | **LRCUL**  LAB900 |
| Collection Devices: | Aerobic Swab or Sterile Container | Aerobic Swab or  Sterile Container | Aerobic Swab or Sterile Container | Aerobic Swab | | Sterile container | Sterile  container |

**General Aerobic Culture Type:**

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| **Culture Routine with Gram Stain** (GECUL) – LAB897 For detecting, identifying, and determining in vitro susceptibility of aerobic bacteria. Use when a site-specific or organism-specific culture is not available. Typically used for wounds, abscesses, skin, and other superficial sites |

**Aerobic Swabs (not suitable for anaerobic collection):**

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| A close up of a label  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | **BBL Culture Swab (single/dual swab) or equivalent aerobic sponge swab**  *Clear cap (color can vary). Single swab with plastic shaft and synthetic tip.* ***Sponge*** *with liquid stuart or liquid amies transport medium.* |
| A close up of a pen  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | **Thermo Scientific Remel Bactiswab (single/dual swab)**  *Red cap. Dual swabs with plastic shaft and synthetic tip.* ***Sponge*** *with liquid stuart transport medium. Used for GAS antigen and reflex throat culture.* |
| BD SPECIMEN COLLECTION & TRANSPORT SYSTEM - Pain Super Store | **BBL Culture Swab (Mini-tip)**  *Green cap. Narrow mini-tip swab with soft aluminum shaft.* ***Sponge*** *with liquid amies transport medium. Suitable for aerobic collection from the eye, male urethra, nasopharynx, and other sites requiring the use of a small tip swab* |

**Anaerobic Culture Type:**

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| **Culture Anaerobic and Aerobic with Gram Stain** (ANCUL) – LAB10015  For detecting, identifying, and determining in vitro susceptibility of aerobic and anaerobic bacteria. |
| **Acceptable sources**   * **Checkmark with solid fill**Aspirates (collected with needle and syringe), surgical collection of tissue, bone, and biopsy samples. Anaerobic swabs are acceptable only if collected from anatomic regions that support anaerobic growth and are not normally colonized with flora (**deep** wounds/abscesses or cysts). * Specific body fluids (if anaerobic organisms are suspected) such as: synovial, pericardial, pleural, CSF, or peritoneal * Specific genital specimens: specimens collected via laparoscopy, culdocentesis, IUD, or surgically collected specimens |
| **No sign with solid fillUnacceptable sources**  Superficial sites, wounds, abscesses, skin, urine, routine genital specimens, respiratory specimens (except: surgically collected tissue or lung biopsy), gastrointestinal specimens, ear, eye, throat, tonsil, nose, sinuses |
| **Acceptable** **collection devices**: Tissue or bone in sterile container, E-swab, or anaerobic gel swab (e.g. BBL Culture Swab **Plus**)  **Unacceptable collection devices**: Aerobic sponge swab (e.g. BBL Culture Swab) |

**Swabs for Anaerobic Collection:**

Note: This list pertains to collection via swab only. Collection via other means (e.g. fine needle aspirate, etc) is also acceptable

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| Laboratory Test Directory | Tests | **BD ESwab Transport System or equivalent ESwab kit**  *White cap (color can vary). Flocked swab with transport vial containing 1mL Liquid Amies Transport Medium* |
| A close up of a label  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | **BBL Culture Swab Plus (single/dual swab)** *Blue cap. Double or single swab with a plastic shaft and synthetic tip. Amies* ***Gel*** *transport medium.* |
|  | **BBL Vacutainer Anaerobic Specimen Collector**  Culture swab contained within a gas-impermeable glass tube. Grey top.  *(This product is being discontinued by the manufacturer)* |

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| **Important Reminder** | |
| Exclamation mark with solid fill | **In all cases, it is important to correctly select the specimen type and source from the categorical lists when entering the order.** The specimen type and source helps dictate the media that is setup for the test and guides work up of the culture. Entering the specimen source in the order comments is **not** a replacement for the correct selection of the specimen type and source. |