

Division of Laboratory Medicine

Bacteriology

Culture

General information

Collection container (including preservatives): Collect specimens in appropriate CE marked leak proof containers and transport specimens in sealed plastic bags.



eSwab for Oxford Rd Campus

Specimen type: Please state anatomical site on request form and recent clinical history including any foreign travel.

Collection: Use aseptic technique. Liquid eSwabs contain 1ml of liquid. No liquid should be discarded when collecting sample. Samples with insufficient liquid will be discarded

Specimen transport: Specimens should be transported and processed as soon as possible.

Minimum volume of sample: 1ml. The liquid in the eSwab should NOT be discarded. The laboratory cannot process samples with <1ml of liquid remaining in the swab and these samples will be discarded.

Special precautions: If processing is delayed, refrigeration is preferable to storage at ambient temperature. Delays of over 48hr are undesirable.

Laboratory information

Measurement units: Not applicable

Biological reference units: Not applicable

Turnaround time for provisional result (working days): 2 days

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Turnaround time to final result (working days): 2-3 days

Clinical information

Clinical decision points: Not applicable

Factors known to significantly affect the results: Collect specimens before antimicrobial therapy where possible. Specimens should be transported and processed as soon as possible

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