

Division of Laboratory Medicine

Bacteriology

VRE: Infection Control Screen

General information

Specimen container: Unless otherwise stated, swabs for bacterial and fungal culture should be taken with a liquid eSwab

Liquid eSwabs contain 1ml of liquid. No liquid should be discarded when collecting sample. Samples with insufficient liquid will be discarded.

Specimen type: Liquid eSwab

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

Minimum volume of sample: Not applicable

Special precautions: Rectal swabs should be submitted under the direction of the Infection Control Team or Consultant Microbiologist.

Laboratory information

Measurement units: 1ml

Biological reference units: Not Applicable

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

Turnaround time to final result (working days): 3 - 4 days

Clinical information

Clinical decision points: Not applicable

Factors known to significantly affect the results: Specimens should be transported and processed as soon as possible to prevent deterioration.

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