
Lab Dept: Microbiology/Virology

Test Name: BACTERIAL IDENTIFICATION

General Information

Lab Order Codes: BI

Synonyms: Culture, Bacterial identification

CPT Codes: 87077 - Aerobic isolate, additional methods required for definitive identification of isolates
87076 – Anaerobic isolate

Test Includes: Identification of a specific bacterial isolate. Susceptibilities will be performed if requested.

Logistics

Lab Testing Sections: Microbiology

Phone Numbers: MIN Lab: 612-813-5866

STP Lab: 651-220-6555

Test Availability: Daily, 0700 - 1530

Turnaround Time: 2 - 6 days

Special Instructions: **Specimen site** and **date/time of collection** are required for specimen processing.

Specimen

Specimen Type: Send agar slant, thioglycollate tube or agar plate inoculated with organism to be identified. Organism must be pure and actively growing.

Transport/Storage: Place agar slant, thioglycollate tube or agar plate in a proper transport container and labeled as a **Biohazard/Etiological Agent**. Transport at room temperature. Must arrive within 24 hours.

Sample Rejection: Organism non-viable; improperly labeled specimen

Interpretive

References:

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