

# MICROBIOLOGY TEST ORDERING GUIDE (In-House Only)

SAMPLE TYPE	ACCEPTABLE MICROBIOLOGY ORDERS
BAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Bronchial BAL/Wash Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic culture only, Gram Stain included.</i></li> <li>- <b>Fungal Culture + KOH:</b> <i>Yeast included.</i></li> <li>- <b>AFB Culture + Stain</b></li> </ul>
Bone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Tissue Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included.</i></li> <li>- <b>Fungal Culture + KOH:</b> <i>Yeast included.</i></li> <li>- <b>AFB Culture + Stain</b></li> </ul>
Catheter Tip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Catheter Tip Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic culture only, no Gram Stain.</i></li> </ul>
CSF - Lumbar puncture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>CSF Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included.</i></li> <li>- <b>Fungal Culture:</b> <i>No KOH on sterile fluids, yeast included.</i></li> <li>- <b>AFB Culture + Stain</b></li> </ul>
CSF - Shunt, VP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>CSF Culture, Shunt associated:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included + extended incubation up to 12 days.</i></li> <li>- <b>Fungal Culture:</b> <i>No KOH on sterile fluids, yeast included.</i></li> <li>- <b>AFB Culture + Stain</b></li> </ul>
Donor Transport Media/Fluid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Culture, Donor Sample:</b> <i>STAT Gram Stain and bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture included, <b>please provide OR extension in the Order Comments.</b></i></li> </ul>
Eswab - Any site, no tissue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Wound Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included.</i></li> <li>- <b>Miscellaneous Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic culture only, Gram Stain included.</i></li> <li>- <b>Fungal Culture:</b> <i>No KOH on Eswab.</i></li> <li>- <b>AFB Culture + Stain</b></li> </ul>
Hardware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hardware Associated Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included.</i></li> </ul>
Joint Fluid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Joint Fluid Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included.</i></li> <li>- <b>Fungal Culture:</b> <i>No KOH on sterile fluids, yeast included.</i></li> <li>- <b>AFB Culture + Stain</b></li> </ul>
Peritoneal Fluid – <b>Not dialysis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Peritoneal Fluid Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included.</i></li> <li>- <b>Fungal Culture:</b> <i>No KOH on sterile fluids, yeast included.</i></li> <li>- <b>AFB Culture + Stain</b></li> </ul>
Peritoneal <b>Dialysis</b> Fluid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Peritoneal Dialysis Fluid Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included.</i></li> </ul>
Pleural Fluid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Pleural Fluid Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included.</i></li> <li>- <b>Fungal Culture:</b> <i>No KOH on sterile fluids, yeast included.</i></li> <li>- <b>AFB Culture + Stain</b></li> </ul>
Sterile Body Fluids - Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Wound Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included.</i></li> <li>- <b>Fungal Culture:</b> <i>No KOH on sterile fluids, yeast included.</i></li> <li>- <b>AFB Culture + Stain</b></li> </ul>
Tissue - Any site, must be piece of tissue, NOT an Eswab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Tissue Culture:</b> <i>Bacterial aerobic/anaerobic culture and Gram Stain included.</i></li> <li>- <b>Fungal Culture + KOH:</b> <i>Yeast included.</i></li> <li>- <b>AFB Culture + Stain</b></li> </ul>

PLEASE PRINT LABELS FOR ALL REQUESTED TESTS AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE MARKED AS COLLECTED IN EPIC. SUBMIT **ALL** LABELS TO THE LAB WITH THE SPECIMEN.

IF THE SAMPLE VOLUME IS SMALL, CALL THE LAB TO INDICATE PRIORITIZATION OF TESTING.

REFER TO LABMAN FOR SPECIMEN STABILITY AND COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS.

Call the Microbiology Lab at x7-2585 with ANY questions. If you are unable to find an order, then call the lab **and submit an Epic Service Now ticket.**

Call the Lab at x7-2727 for Non-Microbiology related test ordering questions.