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Ordering Micro Specimens

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IF SPECIMEN IS:
SWAB of any kind
or
Abscess
Aspirate
Drainage
JP Drainage
Wound
Wound Aspirate
Swab of a tissue

ORDER

Wound Culture
Aerobic

If anaerobe ordered:
Wound Anaerobe Culture

Swab for aerobic/anaerobic: use eSwab

May send aspirate or drainage in sterile container or Luken's trap.

NOTE: if AFB and/or Fungus Cultures ordered as well, need **2** tubes with swabs

Preferred Specimens: FLUID or TISSUE

IF SPECIMEN IS:
Sterile Body Fluid
(**actual fluid, NO swabs**)
Amniotic
Ascites
Synovial
Pericardial
Peritoneal
Bile
Pleural
Joint
Knee
Thoracentesis
Paracentesis

ORDER

Body Fluid Culture
Aerobic

If anaerobe ordered:
Body Fluid Culture Anaerobic

Transport fluids in sterile containers

If have small amount of fluid, may place in Anaerobic gel transport tube

IF SPECIMEN IS:
Tissue of any kind
Must be actual TISSUE
NO swabs

ORDER

Tissue Culture
Aerobic

If anaerobe Ordered:
Tissue Culture Anaerobic

Transport large tissue sample in sterile containers

Small amount of tissue should be placed at surface of media Anaerobic gel transport tube

FAILED PROSTHETIC DEVICE **ONLY (revisions)**:
Source may be fluid, tissue or swab, ideal is tissue if available

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Ortho Surg Culture
Ortho Surg Anaerobe

Transport according to type of specimen

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