

# VASCULAR TIP CULTURE

## Orderable – TIPC

Turnaround Time: 4 days

### Alternate Name(s):

Tip Culture  
Catheter Tip Culture  
PICC tip Culture

### Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Specimen Type	Minimum Volume	Collection Kit
Vascular Catheter Tip	5-7 cm	Sterile Container

Using sterile technique, cut 5-7 cm off distal end.

This sample type cannot be processed as a STAT request. Samples are handled as they are received and results are reported as they become available.

### Comments:

Vascular catheter tips are to be submitted only in cases of catheter related bloodstream infections. Peripheral blood cultures should be collected at the same time.

Ventricular and epidural tips for culture should be ordered under CSFC.

Pacemaker leads tips for culture should be ordered under TISC.

### Storage and Shipment:

The specimen must be refrigerated if collected in a sterile container.  
The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.



**Laboratory:**  
Microbiology



**Requisition:**  
Electronic Order



**Method of Analysis:**  
Culture



**Test Schedule:**  
Daily