

WOUND CULTURE

Orderable – WNDC

Turnaround Time: 2 days for superficial sites

Up to 13 days for deep/orthopedic sites

Specimen Type and Collection Instructions:

Specimen Type	Collection Information	Collection Device
Abscess/Cyst Bite Burn/Graft Ulcer Wound – Deep Wound – Orthopedic Wound - Superficial	Remove the swab and avoid touching the swab applicator below the pink scored breakpoint. Collect the sample by rolling the swab over the site. Insert the swab all the way into the transport tube and, holding the end of the swab applicator, bend it toward you until it breaks off. Cap the tube and label appropriately.	



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
Microscopy, culture



Test Schedule:
Daily

“Wound – Deep” and “Wound – Orthopedic” specimen types are intended for the recovery of anaerobic bacteria, as well as aerobic bacteria, from swab specimens collected surgically from normally sterile body sites. Based on test utilization best practices, these specimen types should NOT be selected for specimens from body sites with non-intact skin and/or exposure to superficial tissue layers.

Surgically collected tissue or fluid from an infection are higher quality specimens than swab specimens.

Wound, abscess, or ulcer swabs collected from coccyx, sacral, rectal, buttock, perianal, and related sites (including decubitus ulcers) are not acceptable for culture investigation. Specimens from infections of this body area should be collected by aspiration, curettage or biopsy, following wound cleansing and debridement.

Critical Information Required:

Specify **Body Site** in drop down menu.

Storage and Shipment:

The specimen must be stored at room temperature.

The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.