

# EYE CULTURE

## Orderable – EYEC, TISC, FLDS

Turnaround Time: Swabs – 2 days

Scrapings/fluids – Up to 13 days

### Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Specimen Type	Collection Information	Collection Device
Conjunctival Swab (EYEC)	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.	
Conjunctival Scrapings (TISC)	Inoculate scrapings directly onto plates, slants, slides.	Obtain eye kit from laboratory.
Corneal Scrapings (TISC)	Inoculate scrapings directly onto plates, slant, slides and broth. Also take a conjunctival swab.	Obtain eye kit from laboratory.
Vitreous Fluid (FLDS)	Transport in sterile container or collection device. Do not send syringe with needle attached.	Sterile container appropriate for the low volume submitted.



**Laboratory:**  
Microbiology



**Requisition:**  
Electronic Order



**Method of Analysis:**  
Microscopy, culture



**Test Schedule:**  
Daily

### Comments:

Conjunctival samples from babies less than 2 weeks old will be investigated for *N. gonorrhoeae*.

### Storage and Shipment:

The specimen must be stored at room temperature.  
The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.