Orderable – MOUTH  
Turnaround Time: 1 day

**Specimen:**
Mouth, tongue, gums

**Collection Information:**
Rinse mouth with sterile saline. Wipe lesion with dry, sterile gauze. Swab or scrape areas of exudation or ulceration. Place swab in transport media.

**Comments:**
Gram stain is examined for spirochaetes/fusiform bacilli (Vincent’s organisms) and yeast.

**Storage and Shipment:**
The specimen must be stored at room temperature. The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.