


THROAT CULTURE

Orderable – THRC

Turnaround Time: 1 Day

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

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.

Specimen Type	Collection Information	Collection Device
Throat Tonsil	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:
Culture



Test Schedule:
Daily

Comments:

Samples are cultured to detect *Streptococcus pyogenes*.

Special Processing:

To order a throat swab for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* order **GCCULT**.

If epiglottitis is suspected, order **WNDC** and indicate this in the **Specimen Description** field in PowerChart.

If tonsillar abscess is aspirated, order **FLDS** and refer to Fluid Culture LTIG page.

Storage and Shipment:

The specimen must be stored at room temperature.

The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.