

LAB502 Group B Streptococcus, Culture

MIB

Performing Location(s)

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Specimen Type

Vaginal then rectal specimen with the same swab in Amies media or Liquid Stuart media (eSwab).

Preferred Container

Amies media or Liquid Stuart media (eSwab).

Alternate Container

Swab with Amies media (Thermo-Fisher).

Transportation Needs

Refrigerated

Specimen Stability

Swab Type	Stability
eSwab	Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated 24 hours
Thermo-Fisher	Ambient: 24 hours; Refrigerated 24 hours

Storage Requirements

Refrigerated or Ambient

Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen.

Specimens in any transport media other than indicated above.

Frozen specimens

eSwab > 24 hours

Thermo-Fisher swab > 24 hours

Reference Range

No beta hemolytic streptococci isolated

Additional Information

Laboratory will enrich specimen in LIM Broth.

Laboratory will reflex antibiotic susceptibility testing on positive results from patient with a known or unknown penicillin allergy.

Available STAT

No

Methodology

Culture Based Method

CPT Code

87081