

## LAB228 Throat Culture

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### Performing Location(s)

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### Specimen Type

Culture

### Preferred Container

eSwab

### Alternate Container

EZII swab

### Specimen Collection

Depress the tongue and rub sterile culturette swab vigorously over each tonsillar area and posterior pharynx.

Any exudate should be touched, and care should be taken to avoid the tongue and uvula.

Place the swab in the Culturette and crush the ampule of culturette to ensure proper preservation of the specimen

### Storage Requirements

Refrigerate – Stable up to 72 hours refrigerated

### Transportation Needs

Transport refrigerated

### Causes for Rejection

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Sample > 72 hours old

### Reference Values

Population	Units	Reference Range
All populations	none	Normal Flora

### Reflex Testing

Organism identification and susceptibility studies are performed as appropriate, according to established protocols that have been approved by the Clinical Laboratory Director.

Call Microbiology (607-547-3707) for details.

There may be additional charges for these identification and susceptibility procedures

### Available STAT

No

**Methodology**  
Culture

**CPT Code**  
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