

## **LAB503 Wound Culture/Tissue Culture**

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### **Performing Location(s)**

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### **Specimen Type**

Site dependent

### **Preferred Container**

eSwab (see also Specific Specimen Requirements)

### **Alternate Container**

Swab specimens will be accepted, but are suboptimal and should be submitted only if no alternative exists

### **Transportation Needs**

Specimens for anaerobic cultures must be transported anaerobically to the laboratory immediately

### **Storage Requirements**

Keep specimen at room temperature

### **Causes for Rejection**

Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

Sample > 72 hours old

### **Reference Values**

<b>Population</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Reference Range</b>
All populations	(none)	No Growth

### **Reflex Testing**

If a portion of specimen is submitted in an anaerobic transport Vial or tube and, if the source is appropriate, an anaerobic culture will also be performed and billed (CPT: 87075).

Organism identification and susceptibility studies are performed as appropriate, according to established protocols that have been approved by the Clinical Laboratory Director. Call Microbiology, 547-3707, for details.

There may be additional charges for these identification and susceptibility procedures

### **Includes**

An order for a wound culture normally includes:

Aerobic Culture (CPT: 87070)

Gram Stain if adequate specimen submitted (2 culturette, eSwab or specimen in sterile container)  
(CPT: 87205)

**Available STAT**

No

**Methodology**

Aerobic (& Anaerobic) culture

**CPT Code**

87070, 87205, 87075 (see INCLUDES)