

MOUTH CULTURE

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.



Laboratory:
Microbiology



Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
Microscopic



Test Schedule:
Daily