


EAR CULTURE

Orderable – EARC

Turnaround Time: 2 days

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

Specimen Type	Collection Information	Collection Device
Ear drainage swabs Ear swabs	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:
Microscopy, culture



Test Schedule:
Daily

Special Processing:

Submit tympanocentesis aspirates under the orderable **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.