

# CANDIDA AURIS SCREEN

## Orderable – CAUS

Turnaround Time: Up to 6 days

### Alternate Name(s):

*Candida auris* Screen

### Specimen Type:

**Nasal and Axillary/Groin**

Wound Swabs (specify site)

Urine (If has indwelling catheter)



**Laboratory:**  
Microbiology



**Requisition:**  
Electronic Order



**Method of Analysis:**  
Culture



**Test Schedule:**  
Weekdays

### **NOTE:**

**When collecting Nasal and Axillary/Groin samples, order TWO CAUS tests using the specimen type "Nasal" and "Axillary/Groin".**

### Collection Information:

**Nasal Swab:** Use a Single eSwab™ (White cap)

- Collect the nasal sample by rotating the swab 5 times in each nostril
- 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 using the combined 'Nasal' specimen type

**Combined Axillary/Groin swab:** Use a Single eSwab™ (White cap)

- Collect the combined axillary and groin sample:
  - Rub all sides of the swab tip over the left axilla skin surface and then the right, targeting the crease in the skin where the arm meets the body (i.e., swab both armpits, swiping back and forth 5 times per armpit)
  - With the same swab used on the axilla, rub both sides of the swab tip over the left groin skin surface, targeting the inguinal crease in the skin where the leg meets the pelvic region and repeat with the right side (i.e., swab the skin of both hip creases, swiping back and forth 5 times per hip crease)

- Insert swab into transport tube, break off, cap and label

**For single site collections (Wounds):** Use a Single eSwab™ (White cap)

- Collect the sample by rolling the swab over the site
- Insert swab into transport tube, break off, cap and label

### Special Processing:

- Ordered as part of an admission screen if the patient has received healthcare (hospitalized, dialysis or surgical procedure) outside of Canada in the previous 12 months