

VAGINAL CULTURE

Orderable – GENC

Turnaround Time: Microscopic results are available same day
Culture (if done) requires a minimum of 48 hours

Specimen Type and Collection Information:

This sample type cannot be processed as a STAT request. Samples are handled as they are received and results are reported as they become available.



Laboratory:
Microbiology




Requisition:
Electronic Order



Method of Analysis:
Microscopy, Culture



Test Schedule:
Daily

Specimen Type	Collection Information	Collection Device
Vaginal swab Pre-pubescent vaginal swab	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	

Comments:

ONLY specimens from pre-pubescent females will be processed by culture.

All vaginal swabs are examined microscopically for bacterial vaginosis, *Trichomonas* and yeast.

If toxic shock syndrome or Listeriosis is suspected, indicate in **Specimen Description** field when placing order in PowerChart. Specimen will be processed by culture.

Pre or post-partum specimens screened for Group B Streptococcus must be ordered as Group B Streptococcus Screen. **[GBS]**

Post gynecology surgical samples for culture should be ordered as wound cultures [WNDC]. Refer to Wound Culture in the Laboratory Test Information Guide.

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Storage and Shipment:

The specimen must be stored at room temperature.

The specimen must be received within 24 hours of collection.