



## Changes in Ordering Options for Bacteriology Cultures: Wound and Genital Culture

Effective **April 7, 2016**, the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory is pleased to offer new bacteriology culture options for wound specimens. **The Specimen Location will be a required field** when placing an order in Cerner. Genital culture will no longer be offered as a separate testing (please see substitutions below).

Previous Test Options	Gram Stain	Anaerobic Culture	Notes
Tissue Culture	Yes	Automatically Added	
Body Fluid Culture	Yes	Optional	
Wound Culture	Optional	Optional	
Genital Culture	Optional	No	
Anaerobic Culture Only	Yes	—	Orderable in Cerner/4Medica
<b>New Test Options</b>			
Tissue Culture	Yes	Automatically Added	Preferred Specimen = Tissue <u>not</u> Swab
Sterile Body Fluid Culture	Yes	Automatically Added	Preferred Specimen = Fluid <u>not</u> Swab
Non-Sterile Body Fluid Culture	Yes	No	Sterility Designated by Specimen Type and Location
Deep Wound Culture	Yes	Automatically Added	Specimen = Swab (ESwab), Aspirate
Superficial Wound	Optional	No	Specimen = Swab (ESwab). Aspirate
Genital Culture	—	—	<b>Test Code Being Discontinued;</b> For genital ulcers or other clinical syndromes please order deep or superficial wound culture with urogenital as the site location; ***
Anaerobic Culture Only	—	—	Added by Request Only; Orderable by Lab Only

\*\*\*Additional testing available for urogenital pathogens include: GC Culture, BV stain, Chlamydia/GC NAAT, Ureaplasma/Mycoplasma Culture (send out), Fungus Culture for Candida, *Haemophilus ducreyi* Culture, Herpes Virus culture, Trichomonas culture. Please refer to the specific test for specimen requirements and test results.

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