

Test: Anaerobic Bacteria Identification

Specimen receiving: Specimens for anaerobe identification will be accepted from Monday thru Friday by 3:30 p.m., except on holidays.

Turn around Time: 21 days, depending on the specimen

Specimen requirements: Pure culture of isolate submitted in thioglycolate liquid media or cooked meat media. Plate media is acceptable as long as it is enclosed in a sealed anaerobic pouch. Patient name or other identifier should be on the specimen tube or plate.

Specimen transport: Specimens may be transported at ambient temperature. Tubed liquid media should be properly capped and sealed to prevent spillage during transport. Plated media should be submitted in such a way as to prevent the plate from cracking or being crushed and the anaerobe pouch must be sealed and not be leaking or open to the outside environment.

Requisition form:

- All specimens must be submitted with a legible 81.3 request form
- Requisition form must have patient name or other unique identifier
- Name of test requested must be written
- Date of collection must be shown on form
- Submitter name and address should be in submitter box
- Inclusion of patient symptomology would be desirable.

Normal value: N/A

Result notification: Final laboratory reports will be forwarded to both the submitter and the Disease Investigation Branch (DIB).

Comments: Some specimens may require additional testing and may be forwarded to the CDC if necessary.

Unacceptable conditions:

- Leaking or cracked specimen tubes and/or plates
- Contaminated or overgrown specimens
- Illegible or incomplete requisition forms
- Nonviable specimens
- Specimens without matching requisition forms
- No submitter or return address on form
- Duplicate specimens from the same patient, in the same day

Specimen Submission Requirements, Bacteriology-Parasitology Section, Med. Micro Br.

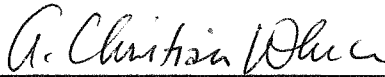
Test location:

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