



Bronchoalveolar Culture

Alternate Name:	None
Performing Lab:	New Hanover
Specimen Container:	Sterile screw-cap container
Minimum Volume Required:	N/A
Testing Availability	Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: No
Turnaround Time:	Preliminary reports are available after 24 hours.
Special Handling:	Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
Patient Preparation:	None
Specimen Stability:	
Reference Range:	Normal Respiratory Flora
Critical Value:	N/A
CPT Code:	87070 Culture 87205 Gram stain
Testing Methodology:	Culture
Causes for Specimen Rejection:	Improper labeling Specimen not collected in a sterile container. Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside. Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.
Test includes:	Gram stain and isolation/ identification of potential pathogens, and antibiotic susceptibility testing where indicated.
Clinical Significance:	N/A