



Ear Culture - Inner

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| Alternate Name: | Otitis media, ear culture internal |
| Test includes: | Isolation and identification of potential pathogens. Antibiotic susceptibility testing of aerobes where indicated. Gram stain |
| Performing Lab: | New Hanover |
| Specimen Container: | Sterile Culture Swab |
| Minimum Volume Required: | N/A |
| Testing Availability | Routine: 24 hours/day Stat: No |
| Turnaround Time: | Preliminary reports are available after 24 hours. |
| Special Handling: | Specific site of specimen must be stated (Internal ear) Specimen must be delivered to the laboratory within 2 to 8 hours of collection. If that is not possible, the specimen must be refrigerated until delivered. |
| Patient Preparation: | None |
| Specimen Stability: | |
| Reference Range: | No growth |
| Critical Value: | N/A |
| CPT Code: | 87070 |
| HED Test Group: | Test Group – MLAB at NH site |
| HED Test Name: | Test Name – Ear Culture |
| 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.
Specimen not delivered to the lab within 2 – 8 hours of collection.
Swabs must be received in a moist state.

Other Comments:

Clinical Significance:

N/A