



## Wound Culture, Open / Deep

<b>Alternate Name:</b>	Aerobic culture	
<b>Test Includes:</b>	<p>Isolation and identification of potential aerobic and anaerobic pathogens.</p> <p>Antibiotic susceptibility testing on aerobic pathogens where indicated.</p> <p>Gram stain</p>	
<b>Performing Lab:</b>	New Hanover	
<b>Specimen Container:</b>	Swab ( ex. Culturette ) Sterile syringe	
<b>Minimum Volume Required:</b>	N/A	
<b>Testing Availability</b>	<b>Routine:</b>	24 hours / day
	<b>Stat:</b>	No
<b>Turnaround Time:</b>	<p>Preliminary results for aerobic organisms available after 24 hours and 48 hours for anaerobic organisms</p> <p>Complete results of culture with anaerobic organisms may take as long as 10 days from receipt of specimen.</p>	
<b>Special Handling:</b>	<p>Specimens must be delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection.</p> <p>Specific site of specimen must be provided with specimen</p>	
<b>Patient Preparation:</b>	N/A	
<b>Specimen Stability:</b>	N/A	
<b>Reference Range:</b>	No growth	
<b>Critical Value:</b>	N/A	

<b>CPT Code:</b>	87071 and 87073
<b>Testing Methodology:</b>	Culture
<b>Causes for Specimen Rejection:</b>	Improper labeling Dry swabs Specimen not collected in a sterile container Specimen container must not be contaminated on the outside. Needles must be removed from syringe before it is sent to the laboratory Specimen not delivered to the laboratory within 30 minutes of collection
<b>Other Comments:</b>	N/A
<b>Clinical Significance:</b>	N/A