

## TEST CHANGE

### Fungal Culture

0060149, MC FUNG

#### Specimen Requirements:

##### Patient Preparation:

**Collect:** Material or fluid from any body site, except blood.

**Specimen Preparation:** Fluids: Transport 3 mL fluid in a sterile container. (Min: 1 mL).  
Material: Transfer to sterile container. A single specimen may be cultured for both bacteria and fungi. Place each specimen in an individually sealed bag.

**Transport Temperature:** Specimens from a sterile body site (fluids, tissues, etc.): Room temperature. ~~If CSF cannot be transported within eight hours, hold at 35C until the time of transport.~~ Cutaneous specimens (skin, hair, nails): Room temperature. Specimens from other nonsterile sites (respiratory, GI tract, etc.): Refrigerated.

**Unacceptable Conditions:** Blood, catheter tips.

**Remarks:** Additional information required: Specimen source. Notify laboratory if Malassezia furfur is suspected; special media must be used for the cultivation of this yeast.

**Stability:** CSF: Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: ~~1 week~~; ~~Frozen:~~ Unacceptable ~~Hair or skin; Frozen: Unacceptable Skin, hair, or nail scrapings specimens:~~ Ambient: 2 weeks; Refrigerated: Unacceptable Frozen: Unacceptable All ~~others other specimens:~~ Ambient: 72 hours; Refrigerated: 1 week; Frozen: Unacceptable

**Methodology:** Culture

**Performed:** Sun-Sat

**Reported:** 7-35 days

**Note:** Identification is performed on ~~mold isolates any fungus recovered from a significant body site.~~ Limited yeast identification performed from nonsterile sites. Identification of molds and/or yeasts on positives is billed separately from culture. ~~Fungal stain must be ordered separately. Refer to Fungal Stain, KOH with Calcofluor White (ARUP test code 2004589). Order test according to source type: Blood/bone marrow: order Blood Culture, Fungal (ARUP test code 0060070)~~

Ground tissue will be tested with a disclaimer. There is decreased sensitivity on ground tissue specimens for some fungi, including Mucorales species. A minimum of 1 mL of fluid is recommended for recovery of fungus. Volumes less than 1 mL may compromise recovery of fungus from culture and will be tested with a suboptimal disclaimer.

CPT Codes: 87102; CPT codes for identification vary based on method.

New York DOH Approval Status: This test is New York DOH approved.

Interpretive Data:

Reference Interval:

Culture negative for fungus.

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