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**0060360*****Corynebacterium diphtheriae* Culture****MC DIPH****Performed:** Sun-Sat**Reported:** Negative at 4 days  
Positives as soon as detected**Specimen Required:** Collect: Nasopharynx, throat, or wound swab.

Swab nasopharynx and throat at the site of membrane or inflammation to increase recovery. Swab base of cleansed wound, if present. Submit each swab with a separate test order.

Specimen Preparation: Place swab in bacterial transport media.Storage/Transport Temperature: Room temperature.Remarks: Specimen source preferred.Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: Unacceptable