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0060360

*Corynebacterium diphtheriae* Culture

MC DIPH

**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.

Unacceptable Conditions: **Media: UTM or other viral transport media.**

Stability (collection to initiation of testing): Ambient: 48 hours; Refrigerated: Unacceptable; Frozen: Unacceptable