Fungal, Drainage or Exudate

Method: Culture

CPT Code: May vary with source

Test Scope: Isolation and identification of mold and yeast from clinical samples.

Preferred Specimen: Aspirate

Other Acceptable Specimens: None

Required Specimen Volume: >5 mls aspirate
Minimum Specimen Volume: 5 mls aspirate
Specimen Container: Sterile Container, screw-capped

Specimen Identification: Label container with patient’s first name, last name and DOB include date and time of collection.

Special Instructions:
› Indicate specimen source on requisition.
› Using a sterile needle and syringe aspirate material from undrained abscess. Place material into a sterile container.
› Include any pertinent clinical information on requisition.

Shipping Requirements: Store and ship at room temperature. Transport to lab as soon as possible.

Sample Rejection Criteria:
› Leaking specimen
› Inappropriate specimen transport
› Mislabeled specimen
› Unlabeled specimen

Turn-around-time: 4 weeks