



EAR SPECIMEN COLLECTION

Outer:

1. Wipe away crust with sterile saline.
2. Rotate aerobic culture swab in outer canal.

Inner:

Intact Drum

1. Obtain anaerobic transport vial.
2. Clean ear canal with mild soap solution.
3. Aspirate material from behind ear drum.

Ruptured Drum:

1. Obtain anaerobic transport tube.
2. Use swab to collect material.