



ANAEROBIC CULTURE COLLECTION

Specimen:

- Disinfect surrounding area prior to obtaining specimen.
- After specimen is obtained, transfer into appropriate transport media:

Acceptable:

Abscess – Deep wound.

Aspirate material from wall

Body fluid

Tissue samples

Biopsy specimens

Curettings

All samples collected in the Operating Room

Swabs – Use swabs provided with the tubed transport.

- Must be deep site where anaerobic infection is possible

Rejection:

- Samples for anaerobic culture collected from sources where anaerobic organisms are a part of normal flora.

Transport Media:

1. Obtain Anaerobic Culture Transport Media.

If the specimen is to be collected on a swab:

- the swab provided in the anaerobic transport media package to collect the specimen

If the specimen is not being collected on a swab:

- aseptically transfer the specimen into the culture swab
- use the provided swab to move the specimen to the lower portion of the gel media.

2. Send to laboratory promptly.