





Guide for Microbiology Collection and Ordering - Respiratory Testing

SPECIMEN	TEST	CONTAINER	COMMENTS
Sinus	Sinus Culture	eSwab 	Sinus specimens collected from surgery should be ordered as a Sinus Culture w/Anaerobes and Smear or Sinus Culture w/Smear
Tracheal aspirate Sputum	Respiratory Culture	Sterile Container 	DO NOT PLACE IN ANY PATHOLOGY OR CYTOLOGY CONTAINER THAT CONTAINS ANY PRESERVATIVE OR CHEMICALS
Bronchial Washing Bronchial Lavage	Bronchial Culture	Sterile Container  Lukens Trap	DO NOT PLACE IN ANY PATHOLOGY OR CYTOLOGY CONTAINER THAT CONTAINS ANY PRESERVATIVE OR CHEMICALS
Bronchial Brush **Make sure to add a small amount of saline to cover brush	Bronchial Culture	Sterile Container 	DO NOT PLACE IN ANY PATHOLOGY OR CYTOLOGY CONTAINER THAT CONTAINS ANY PRESERVATIVE OR CHEMICALS