



## CORYNEBACTERIUM DIPHTHERIAE CULTURE

**Synonym(s):** Diphtheria culture

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<b>Lab Section Category</b>	<b>Bacteriology/Mycology/Parasitology - Bacteria</b> Click here to find out more about the <b>write-up</b> ( <a href="#">/Clinical-Departments-Centers/Pathology/Pathology-Handbook/Lab-Discipline-Special-Instructions/pages/bacteriology-mycology-parasitology.aspx</a> ).
<b>Specimen Required</b>	Sputum, pseudomembrane, nasal and throat swabs, swab from skin lesions. Request for detection of this organism must be specifically stated. Inform the laboratory beforehand so that the appropriate culture media may be prepared, particularly if several people are being screened for carriage.
<b>Method</b>	Culture
<b>Test Result</b>	<i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> isolated; No <i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> isolated
<b>Turnaround Time</b>	Negative : 2 days Positive : 3 – 5 days The ward will be informed earlier of any presumptive positive result pending further tests.
<b>Day(s) Test Set up</b>	Monday - Saturday

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