



ENVIRONMENT CULTURE

Synonym(s):

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Lab Section Category	Bacteriology/Mycology/Parasitology - Bacteria Click here to find out more about the write-up (/Clinical-Departments-Centers/Pathology-Handbook/Lab-Discipline-Special-Instructions/pages/bacteriology-mycology-parasitology.aspx).
Specimen Required	e.g. air sampling by agar strips or other methods. As environmental cultures are useful only in very specific circumstances, consult the microbiologist for guidance if necessary.
Method	Culture
Test Result	Total bacterial count; no growth Total bacterial count < 3 cfu/m3
	Total fungal count < 3 cfu/m3
Turnaround Time	Air and biological samples: preliminary report on Day 3 and final report on Day 8
Day(s) Test Set up	Monday - Saturday

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