



GRAM STAIN

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/Pathology-Handbook/Lab-Discipline-Special-Instructions/pages/bacteriology-mycology-parasitology.aspx) .
Specimen Required	Swab or pus from wound, abscess, eye, sputum and other sites. Bacterial culture should usually be requested together with the Gram stain. Please send separate swabs for gram stain and culture. Please note that Gram Stain is routinely done and reported for all sputum and CSF culture requests.
Method	Gram Stain
Test Result	Gram-positive/negative cocci/coccobacilli/bacilli; No organism seen; polymorphs and epithelial cells reported where applicable (usually for sputum)
Turnaround Time	2 - 4 hours
Day(s) Test Set up	Daily

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