



SARS CORONAVIRUS ISOLATION

Synonym(s): SARS Coronavirus Culture, SARS Culture

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Lab Section Category	Virology Click here to find out more about the write-up (/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/virology.aspx).
Specimen Required	Nasopharyngeal aspirate, endotracheal aspirate or bronchoalveolar lavage preferable. Sputum, throat swab Biopsy/autopsy lung, brain, heart tissue Send samples in Virus Transport Medium. (See also Virology Section, General Guidelines for Virus Isolation & Collection Methods for Virus Isolation by Sample Type (http://shintersp.shses.shs.com.sg:82/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/virology.aspx) (http://shintersp.shses.shs.com.sg:82/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/lab-discipline-special-instructions/pages/virology.aspx))
Storage and Transport	Refrigerate samples until transport to laboratory. Do not freeze. Send samples on ice pack to laboratory.
Method	Tissue culture
Test Result	Reported as Positive or Negative
Turnaround Time	Positive report : 2 – 21 days Negative report : 21 days
Day(s) Test Set up	Monday – Saturday

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