

# TEST UPDATE

## Update to Specimen Types for Anaerobic Culture (including Aerobes)/Smear, Other

### UVMHC

Effective 8/30/23, for the test Anaerobic Culture/Smear, Other: BAL, Skin, and Swab will be removed from the specimen type options

- BAL specimens have anaerobic organisms as part of usual oropharyngeal flora so these are not acceptable specimens for this culture type
- A Bacterial Culture/Smear, Respiratory is more appropriate for this specimen type

Recommended ordering patterns by sample type are –

For Fluid, Tissue, or Bone Specimens:

Orderable Name	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Anaerobic Culture (inc Aerobes)/Smear, Other	LAB897	ACS	FAH5116

For BAL Specimens:

Orderable Name	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Bacterial Culture/Smear, Respiratory	LAB900	RRCS	FAH5111

Swab specimens and skin source specimens are not acceptable for this culture since anaerobic organisms do not survive well in these sources. An Aerobic Bacterial Culture/Smear is more appropriate for these specimen types.

For Swab and Skin Source Specimens:

Orderable Name	Epic Code	Atlas Code	Mayo Access ID
Aerobic Bacterial Culture/Smear	LAB2523	RCS	FAH5295

For questions or concerns regarding this update, please contact UVMHC Lab Customer Service at (802)847-5121 and ask to speak with Microbiology.

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