





<p><b>TISSUE</b></p>  <p><b>Collection Device</b></p> <p>Anaerobic Transport Medium</p> <p>Sterile Black Top Tube or Sterile Container</p> <p><b>Preferred Amount</b></p> <p><b>Small or Medium sized tissue</b></p> <p><b>Large sized tissue</b></p>	<p><b>FLUID</b></p>  <p><b>Collection Device</b></p> <p>Sterile Black Top Tube or Sterile Container</p> <p><b>Preferred Amount</b></p> <p><b>Sterile Black Top Tube ≤ 15 mL</b></p> <p><b>Sterile Container ≥ 15 mL</b></p>	<p><b>TISSUE and FLUID APeX Orders</b></p> <p>Bacterial Culture, Normally Sterile Site with Gram Stain</p> <p>Fungal Culture</p> <p>AFB Culture, Non Respiratory</p> <p>Universal Microbial DNA – one specimen per case when indicated</p>
<p><b>SWABS</b></p> <p><b>NOT ACCEPTED FOR FUNGAL AND AFB CULTURES</b></p> <p><b>Collection Device</b></p>  <p>e-swab (liquid Amies transport medium)</p> <p><b>APeX orders</b></p> <p>Bacterial Culture, Normally Sterile Site with Gram Stain</p> <p>Universal Transport Medium (UTM)</p> <p>*Used for viruses, mycoplasma, ureaplasma, chlamydiae</p> <p><b>APeX Orders</b></p> <p>Rapid HSV, DNA Skin Lesion</p> <p>Varicella zoster virus DNA</p>	<p><b>CSF</b></p>  <p><b>Collection Device</b></p> <p>Sterile White Top Tube or Sterile Black Top Tube</p> <p><b>Preferred Amount</b></p> <p><b>White Top ≤ 8 mL</b></p> <p><b>Black Top ≥ 8 mL</b></p>	<p><b>CSF APeX Orders</b></p> <p>Bacterial Culture and Gram stain</p> <p>CSF Fungal Culture for <i>Coccidioides</i></p> <p>AFB Culture, Non-Respiratory</p> <p>mNGS Pathogen Dx – when indicated</p> <p>Rapid HSV DNA, CSF</p> <p>Varicella zoster virus DNA</p>