

### How to Order Fungal Cultures

**Swabs are not an acceptable specimen type for fungal culture.** Swabs exhibit poor recovery of filamentous fungi (mold), compromising the accuracy and quality of results.

For a comprehensive list of all accepted specimen types, transport instructions, and other testing-related details, refer to the **Test Directory** on [clevelandcliniclabs.com](http://clevelandcliniclabs.com).



Sterile Specimen Container		Gold Serum Separator Tube (SST), 5 mL	eSwab®	Sodium Heparin Tube, 10 mL
<p><b>Test Name</b> Fungal Culture &amp; Smear <i>FCULSM</i></p> <p>Fungal Culture <i>FCUL</i></p>	<p><b>Test Name</b> Fungal Culture &amp; Smear, Dermal <i>FHSNSM</i></p> <p>Fungal Culture, Dermal <i>ACFSC</i></p>	<p><b>Test Name</b> Fungal, CSF Culture &amp; CAD <i>FUNCSF</i></p>	<p><b>Test Name</b> Cryptococcal Antigen Screen &amp; Titer by LFA <i>CAD</i></p>	<p><b>Test Name</b> Yeast Screen <i>FUNGSC</i></p> <p><b>Test Name</b> Fungal, Blood &amp; Bone Marrow <i>HISTCL</i></p>
<p><b>Specimen Type</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tissue</li> <li>Body fluids <i>Excluding blood, CSF, urine</i></li> <li>Implant/device</li> </ul>	<p><b>Specimen Type</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hair <i>Not suitable for bacterial culture</i></li> <li>Skin</li> <li>Nails <i>Not suitable for bacterial culture</i></li> </ul> <p>Specimens <b>large enough to be visible</b> are only accepted for the recovery of fungal organisms.</p>	<p><b>Specimen Type</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Specimen Type</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serum, 1 mL</li> </ul> <p>Cultures are only performed on CSF.</p>	<p><b>Specimen Type</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oral</li> <li>Throat</li> <li>Urogenital</li> <li>Ear*</li> <li>Eye*</li> </ul> <p>eSwabs are only acceptable for suspected <b>yeast infections</b>.</p> <p>Susceptibility testing is only performed on request by calling Laboratory Client Services.</p> <p><i>*Ear and eye specimens will be held for 28 days.</i></p>