

Date: 5/6/24

Effective Date: 5/9/24

Title/Test: Extended Incubation Culture & Gram Stain

Explanation of Test:

Slow-growing organisms often require extended incubation beyond routine culture incubation.

One common example is Cutibacterium acnes. Cutibacterium acnes (previously Propionibacterium acnes) is an anaerobic gram positive bacillus that is part of the normal skin flora. C. acnes has increasingly gained recognition as a cause of prosthetic joint infection, particularly of the shoulder.

The *Extended Incubation Culture & Gram Stain* test will be incubated 21 days.

Perform Site	Main Lab (in-house)
Method	Culture
Ordering	Extended Incubation Culture & Gram Stain (EXCS)
Collection/Transport	Body fluids, Tissues and/or Swab samples. Must specify source. Transport to lab as soon as possible. Refrigerate if delayed transport.
Turnaround Time	21 days

Please contact the Microbiology Lab at (607)274-4474 with any questions.



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