



OUR FREQUENT TEST ORDERS

Microbiology

The purpose of this sheet is to help you find some of our most ordered microbiology tests in the ieMR. This is particularly important as we all get used to using new or different terms to search for tests. Use the table below as a quick check - and if you need any help, use the resources below (at the bottom of the page).

You know the test as...	Type this in the ieMR	Notes
Floq swab or NPA	Respiratory virus PCR	
Urine M/C/S	Urine culture (M/C/S)	Add info on mode of collection
Faeces M/C/S	Faeces PCR Bacterial	
Faeces viral pathogens (i.e. rotavirus / adenovirus / norovirus)	Faeces PCR Viral	Do not use <i>Faeces Rotavirus and Adenovirus Antigen</i>
Pus (superficial sample – e.g. swab from wound)	Superficial Pus or Swab Culture (M/C/S)	Include info on nature and site of lesion
Pus (deep/invasive sample) E.g. intraoperative collection	Deep Invasive Pus or Swab Culture (M/C/S)	
Fluid sample (sterile site) E.g. pleural, peritoneal dialysis	Sterile Fluid Culture (M/C/S)	
Fluid sample (drain / non-sterile site)	Drain Fluid Culture (M/C/S)	Direct collection of a representative specimen preferable
Sputum sample	Respiratory Sputum or ETT Culture (M/C/S)	If sputum aspirate – select <i>specimen type</i> as 'sputum'
CSF sample (for possible CSF infection)	CSF Culture (M/C/S) CSF Protein and Glucose	
Swab: superficial sample from ear, nose, throat or conjunctiva	Ear, Nose, Throat and Conjunctival Swab Culture (M/C/S)	Do not use Eye Invasive Culture (M/C/S) unless invasively-collected eye specimens are collected

If you want more...

Contact the **ieMR team** (Ext. 1999)

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