

Lactation Microbiology test request form

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Chief complaint (Dx code)

Sore Nipples (676.34)

<i>Specimen Type:</i> LEFT nipple swab RIGHT nipple swab Combine left and right swabs for culture	<i>Cultures</i> ARWND Culture, Aerobic – surface swab and gram stain YSTS Culture, Yeast
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Acute mastitis (675.14)

<i>Specimen Type:</i> LEFT breast, expressed milk RIGHT breast, expressed milk Combine left and right milk samples for culture	<i>Cultures</i> ARWND Culture, Aerobic – drainage and gram stain
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Open wound / cracked nipple (676.14)

<i>Specimen Type:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> LEFT nipple wound swab <input type="checkbox"/> RIGHT nipple wound swab <input type="checkbox"/> Culture left and right swabs separately	<i>Cultures</i> ARWND Culture, Aerobic – surface swab and gram stain YSTS Culture, Yeast
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Chronic breast pain (782.0)

<i>Specimen Type:</i> LEFT breast, expressed milk RIGHT breast, expressed milk Combine left and right milk samples for culture	<i>Cultures</i> ARWND Culture, Aerobic – drainage and gram stain YSTS Culture, Yeast
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Other

<input type="checkbox"/> abscess, breast 675.14	<i>HSV PCR</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other specified nipple/breast infection 675.84	<input type="checkbox"/> HSVNP HSV 1/2 PCR, Not blood/Not CSF
<input type="checkbox"/> Candidiasis, nipple or breast 112.89	
<input type="checkbox"/> Herpes simplex, uncomplicated 054.9	
<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Please select the desired cultures and place this form with labeled culturette tubes and/or milk samples in a biohazard bag. Deliver this form to the OB Clinic Lab desk, or tube to Microbiology (Station 82). **NO COMPUTER ORDER IS REQUIRED.**

Instructions for lactation microbiology form

Sore Nipples (676.34)

For women with sore nipples, we recommend obtaining separate swabs for the left and right nipple, and then asking the microbiology lab staff to combine the swabs for aerobic culture and yeast screen.

Acute mastitis (675.14)

For women with acute mastitis, we recommend obtaining separate right and left breast milk samples, and then asking the microbiology lab staff to combine the samples for aerobic culture. If only one breast shows signs of infection, it is reasonable to send only one sample for culture. To specify only one breast for culture, use the "Other" section of the order form and indicate which breast the milk sample was obtained from.

Open wound / cracked nipple (676.14)

For women with open sores, we recommend collecting samples only on the affected breast(s). Because different pathogens may be present in open wounds, these samples should be cultured separately for each breast.

Chronic breast pain (782.0)

For women with chronic breast pain, we recommend collecting milk samples and nipple swabs from each breast. The microbiology lab staff will pool milk samples for yeast and bacterial culture, and will similarly pool swabs for yeast and bacterial culture.

Other

In limited clinical circumstances, the clinician may wish to culture samples separately or perform only yeast or bacterial culture. The "other" section of the form allows the clinician to specify what studies should be performed.

For HSV cultures, specimen must be obtained using a Dacron swab. Lesions should be collected by unroofing a fresh lesion and swabbing the base of the lesion. A white-capped swab should be used and transported to the laboratory in the swab transport tube. Do not use the swab/UTM system intended for respiratory viral collection as this may result in false negative results. For additional information, see http://labs.unchealthcare.org/labstestinfo/h_tests/hsv_notbldcsf.htm

Please direct questions about this form to Alison Stuebe, astuebe@med.unc.edu, pager 216-1005.