

Culture of Surgically Collected Hip or Knee Specimens: Changes in Ordering

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Surgically collected tissues with the source of hip or knee **MUST** have the site designated as Cutaneous”, “Subcutaneous”, “Fascia/Muscle”, or “Joint” when ordering in Epic.

1. Personnel ordering culture of specimens from these sources must use the layers listed in the order entry “site field” to ensure proper workup in the Microbiology Laboratory. NOTE: Site is not a hard stop.
2. Identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing will be performed when less than three (3) microorganisms are present.
3. If there are three or more organisms present:
 - a. *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Streptococcus pyogenes* (Group A) will always be fully identified and antimicrobial susceptibility tests will be performed.
 - b. If the specimen is identified (in the site field) as “Subcutaneous”, “Fascia/Muscle”, or “Joint”, all organisms will be identified.
 - c. Specimens designated as “Cutaneous” or without a site specified, will be listed in the report as non-sterile, with the potential of the organisms being reported as “Flora” or “Multiple Organisms Present”.

If you have questions, please contact Client Services (1-800-551-0488, option 5).

Laboratory Test Directory: <http://beaumontlaboratory.com/test-lab-directory>.

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