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TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
Test Name	Throat (Beta Strep) Culture
Other Name (s)	Beta Strep
Analyte(s)	<i>Beta-hemolytic Streptococci</i> , including group A
Test Code	2100
Lab location	Jacksonville, Miami, and Tampa locations
Department	Microbiology
Pre-Approval Required	None
Required Forms	DH1847
Specimen Sources	Throat or nasopharyngeal swab.
Supplemental Information- Special Specimen Preparation	N/A
Minimum Volume	1mL of medium
Storage Conditions	15-30°C
Collection Media	Swabs in a sterile cotton top tube or in a sterile transport medium.
Specimen Labeling	Patient name, DOB, Collection date and NPI
Packaging and Shipping Instructions and Handling	Specimens should be shipped at 15-30°C and received by the laboratory within 48 hours of collection. Include paperwork with specimens but separate them physically
Test Methodology	Culture, MALDI-TOF
Turnaround Time	7 days
Result Indicator	Qualitative: presence of beta-hemolytic <i>Streptococci</i> including group A.
Unsatisfactory Specimen	No patient identification on sample Names on sample and requisition slip do not match Specimens damaged or leaked in transit
Interferences and Limitations	Non-viable, mixed cultures may not yield reportable results
Additional Information & Notes	Nasopharyngeal clinical specimens are inoculated to suitable growth media and identified by MALDI-TOF
Reference Range	Negative
Reference Lab	CDC
Reflex testing	WGS