

<b>EYE</b>						
<b>Conjunctiva- (Conjunctivitis)</b>	Sample both eyes using separate swabs (pre-moistened with sterile saline) by rolling over conjunctiva.	Swab transport	Swabs <2h, RT	≤24 h, RT	1/day/source	
<b>Corneal scrapings (Keratitis)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obtain conjunctival swab specimens as control (above)</li> <li>2. Instill 2 drops of local anesthetic.</li> <li>3. Using a sterile spatula, scrape ulcers or lesions and inoculate scraping directly onto media.</li> <li>4. Apply remaining material to 3 clean glass slides for staining.</li> </ol>	Scraping: Direct inoculation to media described below: CHOC, ThiO broth SAB, IMA, ANABAP, MGIT broth	<u>Seal media with tape prior to transport</u>  ≤15 min, RT	≤24 h, RT	None	<p>It is recommended that swabs for culture be taken prior to anesthetic application, whereas corneal scrapings can be obtained afterward.</p> <p>Obtain Media from Microbiology prior to collection procedure.</p> <p>Order cultures for routine bacteria, anaerobes, fungi and AFB.</p>
<b>Vitreous or Aqueous Fluid Aspirates (Endophthalmitis)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prepare eye for needle aspiration of fluid.</li> <li>2. Inoculate fluid directly onto media and clean glass slides (see Keratitis)</li> </ol>	Directly inoculated media, or Sterile capped syringe (needle removed)	<u>Seal media with tape prior to transport</u>  ≤15 min, RT	≤24 h, 4°	None	<p>Anesthetics may be inhibitory to some etiologic agents.</p> <p>Obtain Media from Microbiology prior to collection procedure</p> <p>Order cultures for routine bacteria, anaerobes, fungi and AFB.</p>