

☒ **NEW TEST** ☐ **TEST CHANGE**

NOTIFICATION DATE: 08/17/2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediate

Infection Control Culture *Candida auris* (C INF CANDIDA AURIS)

On the effective date, Northwell Health Laboratories will perform infection control surveillance cultures for *Candida auris*. These cultures are intended to screen selected patients for the carriage of *C. auris* from specific body sites in a healthcare setting in order to implement appropriate infection control precautions. A single Eswab sampled from multiple body sites as described below should be submitted per patient. **Do not send multiple swabs per patient.** Susceptibility testing will not be performed on *C. auris* isolates from these surveillance cultures.

Test Requirement/Parameters	Infection Control Culture <i>Candida auris</i>
Method	Culture
Specimen Requirements	Swab of nares/axilla/groin
Submission Container/Tube	Eswab collection device
Specimen Volume/Minimum Volume	1 Eswab Do not send multiple swabs per patient
Collection Instructions	Using a single Eswab collection device, swab the patient's nares, followed by axilla, followed by groin. Return swab to collection device and submit to the laboratory.
Specimen Stability	Room temperature (48 hours)
Reference Range	Culture NEGATIVE for <i>Candida auris</i>
Result Reporting	Final reports issued after 72 hrs
CPT Code	87081
Computer Interface Code	PDM #227373
Test Code	C INF CANDIDA AURIS

If you have any questions, please contact Client Services at (800) 472-5757.

