

Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Direct Culture and Stain

Order Name: **C AFB 2**
 Test Number: 6000130
 Revision Date: 06/17/2026

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) Direct Culture and Stain	Culture	

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS

Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	10 mL (5 mL)	Tissue	Sterile Screwtop Container	Room Temperature
Alternate 1	10 mL (5 mL)	Fluid	Sterile Screwtop Container	Room Temperature
Instructions	<p>Optimal recovery can be directly related to the specimen collected. Tissue and fluid specimens should be submitted whenever possible, they are preferred for recovery of pathogens. If the tissue biopsy specimen is very small, 0.5mL of sterile saline or a small piece of moistened sterile gauze can be added to prevent drying out. CSF a minimum 5-10mL and other sterile body fluids a minimum 5mL; less than this may not have optimal recovery. Swabs are strongly discouraged, unless that is the only specimen available.</p> <p>Unacceptable: Specimens in fixative, viral transport media, or formalin.</p>			

GENERAL INFORMATION

Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	8 weeks
Notes	<p>Links to upcoming test Changes for this assay on 08/03/2026</p> <p>06-15-19_LiveWire.xlsx</p> <p>06-15-19_LiveWire.pdf</p>
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