

x Refrigerated (2 – 8°C)

x Ambient (20 – 25°C)

Cautions

- x Antibiotics administered prior to sample collection may negatively affect the recovery of organisms associated with infection. Preferably collect specimen prior to initiation of therapy and only from wounds that are clinically infected or deteriorating or that fail to heal over a long period.
- x Many wound infections are polymicrobial and the isolation of an organism in culture may or may not correlate with infection of the wound.