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SUBJECT: **New Order** - Sinus Culture

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Effective **December 14th, 2022**, “Sinus Culture” will be a standalone order for the diagnosis of bacterial sinusitis. Previously, this existed within the “Respiratory Culture” order.

****New Order** - “Sinus Culture”**

Specimen types:

- Sinus aspirate in a sterile container
 - Endoscopy guided swab**
- **Please use green cap, metal swab to collect drainage from middle meatus.



NOTE: Nasal swabs are not acceptable for the diagnosis of acute bacterial sinusitis.

Transport:

Transport specimen to laboratory within 2 hours at room temperature.

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