



TEST UPDATE

Alverno Clinical Laboratories, Microbiology Laboratory
New orderable testing available February 9, 2010

We are pleased to announce a new service for our healthcare providers. Starting immediately, we are offering new source- specific tests for eye and ear specimens. The new orderable tests are: middle ear, cornea rim, vitreous fluid and aqueous fluid cultures.

CLINICAL INFORMATION:

Eye and ear infections may be caused by a variety of organisms. Detection and interpretation of results are dependent on knowledge of the specific site of specimen collection.

SPECIMEN COLLECTION:

<i>Cornea Rim</i>	Place specimen in sterile container with preservative fluid, thioglycollate broth or sterile saline
<i>Middle ear fluid</i>	Place specimen in sterile container
<i>Vitreous Fluid</i>	Place specimen in sterile container
<i>Aqueous fluid</i>	Place specimen in sterile container

Specimen stability: Ambient for 24 hours
Unacceptable Conditions: Swab or non-sterile container

SOFT ORDER CODE:

Middle ear culture:	MDERC
Cornea rim culture:	CORNC
Culture, eye vitreous:	EYEV
Culture, eye aqueous:	EYEA

Note: If manually ordering, please free text the source- specific test at the bottom of the Alverno requisition. Please do not order a miscellaneous culture.

CPT CODE: 87070

Identification and susceptibility tests are billed separately from culture.

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