




## Operating Room (OR) Microbiology Specimens

Transport OR specimens to the Microbiology Laboratory as soon as possible.

**Do not refrigerate.**

Specimen Type	Collection Container
<p><b>Tissue, Fluid, Drainage, Bone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preferred specimen type</li><li>• Best recovery of organisms including anaerobes</li><li>• Fluids: Submit 1-10 mL optimal</li><li>• Tissue: Should not exceed the size of this container</li><li>• Ensure samples do not dry out – for small specimens or bone add sterile saline to cover specimen</li></ul>	
<p><b>Swab</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not generally recommended as organism recovery is compromised</li><li>• Specimen volume is low</li></ul>	