Microbiology Specimen Collection Guide
For UCSF Operating Rooms

**CSF**
- CSF bacterial culture
- CSF fungal culture for *Coccidioides*
- AFB culture (approval needed)
- Molecular tests

**Tissue**
- Bacterial culture
  - normally sterile site
- Fungal culture
- AFB culture
- Molecular tests

**Fluid**
- Bacterial culture, normally sterile site
- AFB culture
- Fungal culture
- Molecular tests

**Swabs**
- Bacterial culture, normally sterile site
- Molecular tests

**Avoid Swabs if possible!**

- Label sample, confirm match with requisition
- Indicate source on tube and requisition
- Send immediately to laboratory

Bacterial culture orders:
- Nonsterile site (mucosal tissues - GI, sinus, abscess, surgical drainage)
- Sterile site (normally sterile tissues and fluids)