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PHARMACY STERILITY

I. Introduction

Pharmacy Sterility testing is limited mainly to Pharmacy and Nuclear Medicine liquid preparations for patients. These specimens are tested for 48 hours.

II. Specimen Collection and Transport

Specimens must be collected aseptically in sterile containers or transported in its original container.

III. Processing of Specimens

Inoculate up to 1 mL of specimen into a Fastidious Anaerobic Broth. Read cultures daily for 2 days.

Culture:

Media	Incubation
Fastidious Anaerobic Broth (THIO)	O ₂ , 35°C x 48 hours

IV. Isolation and Identification

Gram stain and subculture all turbid Fastidious Anaerobic Broths. All isolates are to be identified.

V. Sensitivity Testing

Not required.

VI. Reporting

Telephone all positive reports

Negative Report: "No Growth"

Positive Report: Report all isolates.