Culture Tests

You have had culture testing done today. These are done to find the bacteria, fungus or virus that may be causing an infection. Culture tests may be taken from the throat, skin, genitals, sputum, urine or blood. They usually take 1–2 days to complete. Some testing (like TB) may take weeks. Cultures help identify the best medicine to use for an infection. They may be needed to show that the infection has been cured or determine your risk to others.

OBTAINING THE TEST RESULTS

Not all test results are available during your visit. If your test results are not back during the visit, make an appointment with your caregiver to find out the results. Do not assume everything is normal if you have not heard from your caregiver or the medical facility. It is important for you to follow up on all of your test results.

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