Tips for Collecting Quality Surgical Specimens for Microbiology

Make the Right Choice!

Good Specimens

- Tissue (in large mouth sterile container)
- Whole fluid (in original syringe or container, NOT on a swab

Bad Specimens • Any specimen collected with a swab

- Tissue or fluid placed into a swab tube/device
- Any surface specimens

FOR QUALITY RESULTS, SEND TISSUE AND FLUIDS TO MICROBIOLOGY

