

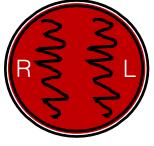
Guide to Direct Inoculation of Ocular Specimens

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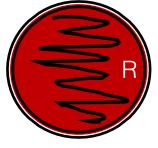
Requires both blood and chocolate agar plates

Inoculating both eyes on the same plate

Inoculating one eye on different plates









Blood Agar

Chocolate Agar

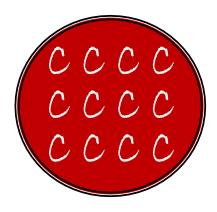
Blood Agar

Chocolate Agar

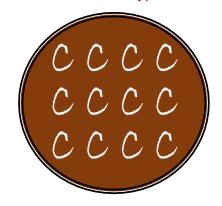
Label R or L on the plate bottom, NOT the lid.

CORNEAL SCRAPINGS

Requires all three media types







Chocolate Agar



Thio Broth

CORNEA BIOPSY



Submit in sterile cup on sterile gauze pad moistened with sterile saline.

INTRAOCULAR FLUID

(AQUEOUS OR VITREOUS HUMOR)



Submit in capped syringe with needle removed.

Transport at room temperature to lab immediately.

Stability is 24 hours. Specimens will be rejected if received after 24 hours.