

Deep wounds, aspirates, and tissue specimens

1. **Bone**
 - a. Obtain bone specimen at surgery.
 - b. Submit in sterile container without formalin or in E-swab transport
2. **Deep wounds or abscesses**
 - a. Disinfect the surface with 70% alcohol and then with a 10% solution of povidone-iodine.
 - b. Aspirate the deepest portion of the lesion, avoiding contamination by the wound surface. If collection is done at surgery, a portion of the abscess wall should also be sent for culture.
 - c. Place specimen in E-swab transport.
3. **Punch skin biopsies**
 - a. Disinfect the skin surface with 70% alcohol and then with a 10% solution of povidone-iodine.
 - b. Collect 3 - 4 mm sample with dermal punch.
 - c. Submit for microbiological analysis in sterile container without formalin or in E-swab transport.
4. **Soft tissue aspirate**
 - a. Disinfect the surface with 70% alcohol and then with a 10% solution of povidone-iodine.
 - b. Aspirate the deepest portion of the lesion or sinus tract. Be careful to avoid contamination by the wound surface.
 - c. Place specimen in E-swab transport.