Tips for Collecting Quality Surgical Specimens for Microbiology

Swabs don't do the job...

- Out of every 100 bacteria absorbed on a swab, only 3 make it to culture.
- Anaerobes on swabs die upon exposure to air, but survive in tissues and fluids.
- Swabs hold only 150 microlitres of fluid.



FOR QUALITY RESULTS, SEND TISSUE AND FLUIDS TO MICROBIOLOGY

