



## CLINICAL GUIDELINE

# Corneal scrape procedure

A guideline is intended to assist healthcare professionals in the choice of disease-specific treatments.

Clinical judgement should be exercised on the applicability of any guideline, influenced by individual patient characteristics. Clinicians should be mindful of the potential for harmful polypharmacy and increased susceptibility to adverse drug reactions in patients with multiple morbidities or frailty.

If, after discussion with the patient or carer, there are good reasons for not following a guideline, it is good practice to record these and communicate them to others involved in the care of the patient.

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# Guideline for Corneal Scrape Procedure (Microbiology)

## SPECIMENS TO BE TAKEN

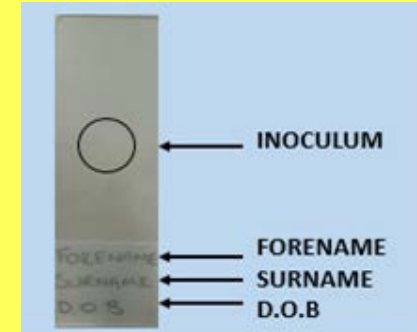


1. CHOC

2. FHB

3. CBA

4. SAB



5. SLIDE

In Order of Priority →

Consider also sending samples for Acanthamoeba testing (SMiRL) & Virology (WoSSVC).

## TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL SCRAPE & PLATING

- **Culture** is always prioritised over microscopy.
- Store agar plates at 2-8°C and ensure they are in date and free from contamination.
- Remove agar plates from fridge 30 mins prior to inoculation.
- **Do not break** the agar surface.
- Ensure fresh specimen inoculated onto each plate & slide.
- Ensure plates are sealed for transport.
- **Do not touch** the microscopy slide beyond frosted part of the slide, & clearly label slide with a **pencil** as shown.
- Place slide in slide carrier for transport.

## Transport

- The laboratory should be notified within working hours 0830 - 2030 on 0141 201 8542 or OOH via switchboard.
- A taxi should be arranged to Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Microbiology Department, Emergency drop off box at PRM Emergency entrance, Wishart Street.