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VISTA ORDER ENTRY GUIDE

SPECIMEN	SPECIMEN OPTION CATEGORY	PROCEDURE OPTIONS CATEGORY
Abdominal fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Peritoneal Fluid
Abdominal abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abdominal Abscess
Abdominal drain	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Abdominal swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Peritoneal Swab
Abdominal wound	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Ascitic fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Ascitic Fluid
Aspirates	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus Aspirate
Abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus Aspirate
Acetabulum	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone
Amniotic fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Amniotic Fluid
Anal abscess	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Perirectal Abscess/Rectal abscess
Anal swab	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Rectal Swab
Aneurysm	Tissue, Clot/Thrombus	-
Ankle swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Anterior chamber	Eye/Ear	Anterior/Aqueous Chamber
Aortic valve	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Heart Valve
Appendix	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	GI Tract Tissue
Aqueous fluid	Eye/Ear	Anterior/Aqueous Chamber
Arm skin swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Art line tip	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Intravascular Catheter Tip
Axilla	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Axillary lymph node	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Lymph Node Tissue
Antral washing	Respiratory	Antral Washing
Auger suction	Respiratory	Endotracheal Aspirate
BacT/Alert bottles (Pre -inoculated- not blood)	“Specific” specimen type Comment field-received in BacT/Alert bottle	
BAL/BAL Wash	Respiratory	BAL
Bladder irrigation/wash	Urine	Bladder Irrigation Wash
Bartholin cyst/abscess	Genital	Bartholin Cyst
Bile	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Bile
Blister/Bullae	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Blood	Blood	Blood C&S (includes yeast)
Blood MAI	Blood	Blood for AFB
Blood Fungus (not candida/yeast)	Blood	Blood For Fungal Culture
Boil	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Bone graft	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Bone Graft
Bone marrow	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone Marrow
Bowel abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abdominal Abscess
Bowel contents	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Stool
Bowel swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Peritoneal Swab
Brain abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Brain Abscess

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Brain cyst fluid	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Brain Abscess
Brain shunt fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	CSF,from Shunt Reservoir
Brain shunt tip	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Prostheses
Brain tissue/biopsy	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Brain Tissue
Breast milk	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Breast swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound or Skin Swab
Breast tissue	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Bronchial aspirate/wash	Respiratory	Bronchial Wash
Bronch brush	Respiratory	Bronchial Brush
Buccal abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Buccal mucosa	Respiratory	Mouth/Oral Swab
Bum	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Bursa	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Joint Aspirate
Buttock	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Biopsy (site unknown)	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Calf	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound or Skin Swab
Carbuncle	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Catheter tip, ventricular	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Shunt/Reservoir
Catheter tip, triple lumen	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Intravascular Catheter Tip
Caecum	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	GI Tract Biopsy
Canaliculi	Eye/Ear	Lacrimal Sac/Canaliculi
Calyx	Urine	Nephrostomy Tube
Cellulitis	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Cervix	Genital	Endocervical Swab
Cheek	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Chest	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Chest tube drain	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Chest tube site	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Exit Site Swab
Chin	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Claggett window (or Pleural window)	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Clot/Thrombus	Tissue, Clot/Thrombus	-
Coccyx swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Colon Biopsy	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	GI Tract Biopsy
Colonic aspirate/swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abdominal Abscess
Colostomy drain	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Ostomy Drainage
Colostomy site	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Exit Site Swab
Common bile duct	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Bile
Conjunctiva	Eye/Ear	Conjunctiva
Contact lens solution	Eye/Ear	Contact Lens Solution
Cord swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound
Corneal scraping ulcer	Eye/Ear	Corneal Scraping
CSF	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	CSF
CSF Drainage	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	CSF Drainage
CSF shunt	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	CSF, from Shunt Reservoir

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CSF ventricular	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	CSF, Ventricular Fluid
CSF VP shunt	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Shunt/Reservoir
Cul-de-sac	Genital	Cul-de-sac
Currettings (uterine)	Genital	Intrauterine
CVP catheter tip	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Intravascular Catheter Tip
CVP line	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Intravascular Catheter Tip
Cyst	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Cyst fluid	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Decubitus ulcer	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Dental abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Diabetic ulcer	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Donor Corneal Ring	Eye/Ear	Donor Corneal Ring
Drain fluid/swab	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Dukes irrigation	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Duodenal fluid/aspirate	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	GI Tract Biopsy
Ear swab	Eye/Ear	Ear, External
Ear auricular	Eye/Ear	Ear, Internal
Ear canal	Eye/Ear	Ear, Internal
Ear externa	Eye/Ear	Ear, External
Elbow fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Joint Aspirate
Empyema	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Pleural Fluid
Endocervical	Genital	Endocervical
Endometrium/swab/fluid	Genital	Endometrium/Swab/Fluid
Endometrium tissue	Genital	Endometrium Tissue
Endotracheal aspirate	Respiratory	Endotracheal Aspirate
Epididymis	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Epidural fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	CSF
Episiotomy	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound
Esophagus biopsy	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Esophageal brushing/biopsy	Esophagus Brushing/Biopsy	-
Exit-PD	Swab, PD Exit Site	-
Exit site-cath/hick scl.	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Exit Site Swab
Eye lid	Eye/Ear	Lid
Eye (foreign body)-cornea	Eye/Ear	Donor Corneal Ring
Eye swab	Eye/Ear	Conjunctiva
Eye aspirate	Eye/Ear	Vitreous/Aqueous Anterior/Aqueous
EPS	Expressed Prostatic Secretions	-
Face	Skin	Skin Swab
Face Abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Fallopian tube swab/tissue	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Fascia lata	Fascia Lata	-
Femoral head/bone	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone
Femur	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone
Femoral graft	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Vascular Graft

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Fibula/bone	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone
Finger	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Abscess
Finger nail	Skin Scrapings	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Fistula	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Foot	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Foreign body (eye)	Eye/Ear	Donor Corneal Ring
G-tube drain	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
G-tube site	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Exit Site Swab
Gall bladder swab/tissue	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Gall Bladder Tissue
Gas gangrene	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Gastric aspirate (neonates only)	Gastric Aspirate (neonate)	-
Gortex (graft)	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Vascular Graft
Graft (femoral)	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Vascular Graft
Groin	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Groin (from 5NU aneurysms/femoral graft)	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Hair	Skin Scrapings	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Hand	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Head	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Heart Tissue	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Heart Valve	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Heart Valve
Hematoma	Tissue, Clot/Thrombus	-
Hemovac fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage fluid
Hip Capsule	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone
Hip swab	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Hip joint	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Hydrocele	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus Aspirate
Hemodialysis line swab	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Hemodialysis Line Swab
Ileoconduit	Urine	Ileal Conduit
Ileostomy drain	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Ostomy Drainage
Ileum biopsy	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	GI Tract Biopsy
Iliac crest	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone
Ilium	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone
Incision	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Ischiorectal abscess	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Perirectal/Rectal Abscess
Ischium	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone
Intrauterine	Genital	Intrauterine
Intrauterine device	IUD	-
Intravascular catheter tip	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Intravascular Catheter Tip
IV site	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	IV Site Swab
Jackson Pratt (JP)	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Jejunal Drain	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Joint fluid/aspirate	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Joint Aspirate
Joint swab	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type

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Knee swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Knee fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Joint Aspirate
Knee joint swab	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Labia	Genital	Vaginal Swab
Lacrimal duct/sac/canaliculi	Eye/Ear	Lacrimal Sac/Canaliculi
Larynx	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Leg	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Line swab site	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	IV Site Swab
Lingula	Respiratory	BAL
Lid	Eye/Ear	Lid
Lip	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound or Skin Swab
Liver aspirate	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Liver
Liver abscess/tissue	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Liver
Lung aspirate/fluid	Respiratory	Lung Needle Aspirate
Lung biopsy	Respiratory	Lung Biopsy
Lung transbronchial biopsy	Respiratory	Transbronchial Biopsy
Lymph node	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Lymph Node Tissue
Marlex mesh	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Prostheses
Mastoid	Eye/Ear	Mastoid
Mandible	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Mediastinal tissue biopsy	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Mediastinal Tissue
Mesenteric	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Peritoneal Swab (enter specimen type in comment field)
Mitral valve	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Heart Valve
Mouth	Respiratory	Mouth/Oral Swab
Mouth abscess	Respiratory	Oropharyngeal Abscess
Muscle biopsy	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Nail/Skin (Fungus)	Skin Scrapings	-
Nares	Respiratory	Nasal Swab
Nasopharyngeal	Respiratory	Nasopharyngeal Swab
Neck	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Nose surveillance	Respiratory	Nasal Swab
Nose/MRSA	Respiratory	Nasal Swab
Olecranon bursa	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Oropharyngeal abscess	Respiratory	Oropharyngeal Abscess
Osteomyelitis	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Ostomy abscess	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Ostomy Drainage
Ovarian cyst/abscess	Genital	Ovarian Cyst
Pacemaker wire tip	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Pacemaker Wire Tip
Palate	Respiratory	Mouth/Oral
Pancreas	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Pancreas Tissue
Pancreatic pseudocyst	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus Aspirate
Paracentesis	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Peritoneal Fluid
PD Cannula	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Prostheses

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PD exit site	Swab, PD Exit Site	-
Pelvic abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Pelvic Abscess
Penile discharge	Genital	Penis
Penis	Genital	Penis
Penrose Drain	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Perianal swab	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Perirectal/Rectal Abscess
Perianal abscess	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Perirectal/Rectal Abscess
Pericardial fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Pericardial Fluid/Swab
Pericardial swab	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Pericardial Fluid/Swab
Pericardial tissue	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Perineum	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Perirectal swab	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Rectal Swab
Perirectal Abscess	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Perirectal/Rectal Abscess
Peritoneal fluid (not PD)	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Peritoneal Fluid
Peritoneal lavage (not PD)	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Peritoneal Fluid/Ascitic Fluid
Peritoneal swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Peritoneal Swab
Peritoneal Dialysate	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	PD Effluent/Dialysate-Clear/Cloudy
PD effluent clear/cloudy	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	PD Effluent/Dialysate-Clear/Cloudy
Peritonsillar abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
PID/Intra-abdominal	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Peritoneal Swab
Pilonidal cyst/abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Placenta	Genital	Placenta
Pleural fluid	Respiratory	Pleural Fluid
Pleural biopsy	Respiratory	Pleural Biopsy
Pleural window (see clagget window)	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Port-A-Cath	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Port-a-Cath
Products of conception (POC)	Genital	Products of Conception
Pre-dialysate clear/cloudy	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Predialysis Fluid-Clear/Cloudy
Prostatic fluid	Genital	Prostatic/Seminal Fluid
Prostatic tissue	Genital	Prostatic/Seminal Tissue
Psoas abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Psoas Abscess
Pus	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Pustule	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Rectal abscess/perirectal	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Perirectal/Rectal Abscess
Rectal biopsy	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	GI Tract Biopsy
Rectal swab	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Rectal Swab
Rectal swab (GC)	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Rectal Swab
Rectal/Perirectal	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Rectal Swab
Renal cyst fluid	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Retro peritoneal tissue/swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Peritoneal Swab
Sacral	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Scrapings	Skin Scrapings	-
Scalp	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Scrotum	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab

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Scrotal abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Semen/Seminal fluid	Genital	Prostatic/Seminal Fluid
Sequestrum	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone
Shoulder swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Shoulder joint	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Sinus wash (ENT ward)	Respiratory	Sinus Washing
Sinus swab (ENT ward)	Respiratory	Sinus Washing (comment:swab received)
Skin swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Skin swab (5NU/aneurysm/femoral graft)	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Skin biopsy	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Skin	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Spinal aspirate	Tissue	Free text -spinal aspirate
Spleen	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Spleen Tissue
Sputum	Respiratory	Sputum
Sternal/sternum	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound swab
Stomach aspirate (neonates)	Gastric aspirate (neonate)	-
Stool	Stool	Stool
Subdural tissue	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Subdural Tissue
Subdural fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Subdural Fluid/Pus
Subdural	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Subdural Fluid/Pus
Sump drain	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Swab/Skin	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Swan-Ganz catheter tip	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Intravascular Catheter Tip
Synovial fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Joint Aspirate
Submandibular abscess/swab	Respiratory	Submandibular
TPN solution	TPN Solution	-
T-tube	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Terminal ileum	Stool/Rectal/Other GI	Ostomy Drainage
Testicle	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Testicle abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Thigh	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Thoracentesis	Respiratory	Pleural Fluid
Throat swab	Respiratory	Throat Swab
Thrombus	Tissue,clot/thrombus	-
Thumb	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Tibia	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Bone
Tissue	Tissue	Free -text: "Specific" specimen type
Toe	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Toe abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Tongue	Respiratory	Mouth/Oral
Tonsil	Respiratory	Throat
Tonsil Abscess	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus

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Tracheal aspirate	Respiratory	Endotracheal aspirate
Tracheostomy site	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Exit Site
Transbronchial biopsy	Respiratory	Transbronchial Biopsy
Tricuspid	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Heart Valve
Trach bronchial wash	Respiratory	Trach Bronchial Washing
Ulcers	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Ulcer diabetic	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Umbilical-neonate	Cord/Umbilical Swab	-
Umbilical-adult	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
Urethra	Genital	Urethral Swab
Urine	Urine	Urine,MSU
Urine (bladder)	Urine	Cystoscopy
Urine catheter indwelling	Urine	Catheter Indwelling
Urine catheter in/out	Urine	Catheter In/Out
Urine cystoscopy	Urine	Cystoscopy
Urine suprapubic	Urine	Suprapubic
Urine (stoma)	Urine	Ileal Conduit
Urine first morning/AFB	Urine	Urine, First Morning for AFB
Urine Ureter-catheter	Urine	Ureter Catheter
Urine nephrostomy tube	Urine	Nephrostomy tube
Uterine-cul-de-sac	Genital	Cul-de-sac
Uterus	Genital	Intra-Uterine
Vascular graft	Tissue/Biopsy/Bone	Vascular Graft
Vaginal swab	Genital	Vaginal Swab
Ventricular catheter	Grafts/Tips/IV Lines	Prostheses
Ventricular fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	CSF, Ventricular Fluid
Vesicle	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Abscess/Pus
Vitreous fluid	Eye/Ear	Vitreous Fluid
Vulva	Genital	Vaginal Swab
Wound drainage (swab)	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Wound Swab
(fluid)	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Drainage Fluid
Wrist Swab	Wound/Skin/Abscess	Skin Swab
Wrist Fluid	CSF/Dialysates/Fluids	Joint aspirate

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