

SAFETY ALERT

Acid Fast Bacilli (AFB) cultures

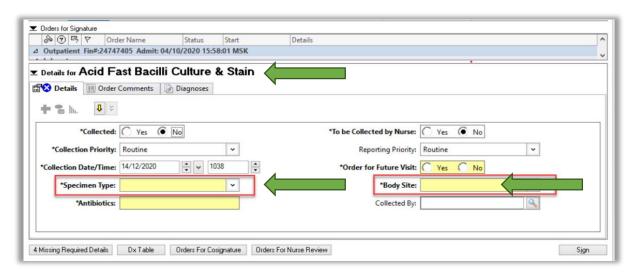
"Sharing Lesson's Learned"

Microbiology Section has received during 2019 and early 2020 significant numbers of AFB culture requests with incorrectly selected body site or specimen type.

This practice consumes time, introduces error and increase the Turn Around Time (TAT) of results.

Incorrect selection of body sites must be verified with the collector before processing, thus delaying the specimen result.

How to Select the correct specimen type & Body site?



Selecting the appropriate specimen type and Body site will ensure proper specimen processing and accurate results.



For more information, please call the Microbiology Section 68608/41491.