

### Gram Stain Testing

**Effective Date: May 31, 2023**

To streamline the workflow process and maintain a high level of quality, Gram stains will only be performed at Dearborn, Royal Oak, and Troy hospitals. Effective May 31, all Gram stain orders will automatically be sent to one of these sites for reading, resulting, and reporting. This will affect all Gram stain orders including STAT CSF Gram stain orders. However, STAT CSF Gram stain orders will continue to be handled as STAT once received at the performing laboratory, and CSF will be the only STAT orderable gram stain moving forward.

#### Test Order Information:

Name:	Gram Stain
Order Codes:	LAB5526
CPT Codes:	87205
Specimen:	Tissue or fluid is the preferred specimen type
Schedule:	Results available within 8 hours of receipt in the laboratory STAT orders are reported within 1 hour of receipt in the performing laboratory
Clinical Utility:	Aids in the detection of microorganisms and can provide a presumptive diagnosis of infectious agents
Interpretation:	The presence of microorganisms may indicate infection, while the presence or absence of polymorphonuclear cells and squamous epithelial cells can be used to assess the quality of clinical specimens.

If you have questions, please contact your Beaumont Laboratory Customer Service Department:

- Farmington Hills, Grosse Pointe, Royal Oak and Troy: 800-551-0488 or 248-551-1155, Option 5
- Dearborn, Taylor, Trenton and Wayne: 800-245-3725, Option 1

Laboratory Test Directory: <http://beaumontlaboratory.com/test-lab-directory>.

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