



Optimising Wound Swabbing for Useful Culture Results

Use the Levine technique for swabbing wounds:

1. Clean the wound with sterile saline
 2. Wearing sterile gloves, role the swab firmly along the wound for five seconds, using enough pressure to express and collect tissue fluid onto the swab from the wound bed.
 3. Avoid swabbing the surrounding skin
- Samples should be processed at the lab within 24-48h of collection.
 - Using a lab with MALDI-TOF technology for bacterial identification supports interpretation and therefore informed clinical decision making (routinely utilised at Axiom Vet Labs).
 - Using a lab with a medicine team who are experienced in bacterial interpretation and are enthusiastic about assisting vets with clinical decision making supports you in applying results optimally to your cases.

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