

Provider Update: New Specimen Source Available for Culture, Aerobes Only, Other w/ Gram Stain (LAB897) – VAD Driveline Exit Site

Beginning December 11, 2025, the Duke Clinical Microbiology Laboratory will include “**VAD Driveline Exit Site**” as a selectable specimen source when ordering “Culture, Aerobes Only, Other w/ Gram Stain” (LAB897) for patients with ventricular assist device requiring culture.

The screenshot shows a medical order entry form for 'Culture, Aerobes Only, Other w Gram Stain'. The form includes fields for Priority (Routine), Frequency (Once), At (12/11/2025), and Specimen Source (VAD Driveline Exit Site). A dropdown menu is open for the Specimen Source, showing a list of options: VAD Driveline Exit Site (2669), Abscess (1), Other (28), and Wound (39). The form also has buttons for 'Next Required', 'Link Order', 'Accept', and 'Cancel'.

Title	Number
VAD Driveline Exit Site	2669
Abscess	1
Other	28
Wound	39



Collection Requirement:

After cleansing the exit site, collect the specimen using a **WHITE Top ESwab (SAP#353663)**.

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