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Handbook of Media for Clinical and Public Health Microbiology include chromogenic or fluorogenic substrates that permit the rapid detection of specific pathogens. An important function of the Handbook of Media for Clinical and Public Health Microbiology is to provide descriptions of the media that are used to cultivate and identify microorganisms from clinical specimens and those of public health significance. The Handbook provides a compilation of the formulations, methods of preparation, and applications for media used in clinical and public health microbiology laboratories--Provided by publisher.

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