

Table 1. The Anaerobic Flora of Tissue Blocks Taken from 42 Wounds of 33 Patients—Summer 1952

Size of Wound	Total Number of Wounds	Wounds Containing		Time Lag—Injury to Biopsy	
		Nonpathogenic Clostridia	Pathogenic Clostridia	Wounds with Clostridia	Wounds Without Clostridia
Small	21	11 (52%)	4 (19%)	5.0 hours	4.5 hours
Medium	8	8 (100%)	3 (37%)	3.7 hours	3.7 hours
Large	13	13 (100%)	10 (76%)	4.8 hours	4.8 hours
Total Average	42	32 (84%)	17 (44%)	4.5 hours	4.3 hours