

Microbiology Collection Quick Guide for Nursing/Providers

ESWAB

Use for bacterial (aerobic and anaerobic) and fungal cultures from multiple sources. May be used for Gonorrhea culture from non-genital sources if received within 24 hours Write the source on the label. Example: Left arm wound

- ◇ Wound (Superficial), Wound (Deep), Eye/Ear, Genital (write source on label)



Universal Viral Transport Media (UTM) 1mL Swab

Use for Respiratory Virus Testing on nasopharyngeal specimens

Herpes virus type 1 & 2, Varicella Virus lesions

- ◇ Viral Respiratory Panel
- ◇ Influenza virus A & B , Molecular
- ◇ Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
- ◇ Bordetella Pertussis by PCR-to SHL
- ◇ Herpes simplex virus type 1 & 2, Varicella Virus from cutaneous & mucocutaneous sites.



Culture Bottles—Sterile Body Fluids & Blood

Use for recovery of bacterial organisms using automated method.

⇒ Obtain from Laboratory ⇐



Chlamydia and Gonorrhea by PCR—

Use for Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoeae by PCR from genital sources (female only), pharyngeal and rectal (Male and Female).

⇒ Obtain from Laboratory ⇐



MRSA and VRE PCR & Group A /Group B Strep Swab

Use for MRSA from nasal and wound specimens

Use for VRE from rectal specimen

Use for Strep A Rapid Screen and Back up testing

Use for Strep B Culture



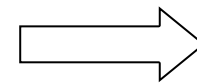
Chlamydia and Gonorrhea by PCR, URINE— MALE and Female

Use for Chlamydia trachomatis & Neisseria gonorrhoeae by PCR

Collection Reminder: Urine should be collected to include the initial urine stream void rather than a mid-stream collection to ensure collection of potential infected epithelial cells.



IF urine will not arrive at SL Lab within 24 hours of collection use



Sterile Container

Use for submission of specimens when no other specific transport is indicated.



Affirm VP3-Vaginitis testing

Use for Trichomonas, Candida and Gardnerella detection by molecular methods

⇒ Obtain from Laboratory ⇐



M4RT Viral Transport Swab- Viral Culture, Non-Respiratory

Use for Herpes (non lesions) , ocular chlamydia, and other viral cultures.

Obtain special swab from STL reference lab



DISCLAIMER: Collection device colors are subject to change. This chart is not inclusive of all testing for organisms (bacterial/viral). Refer to the Clinical Laboratory Manual for latest collection and testing Requirements.

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