

Microbiology Collection Quick Guide for Nursing/Providers



ESWAB Use for bacterial (aerobic/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



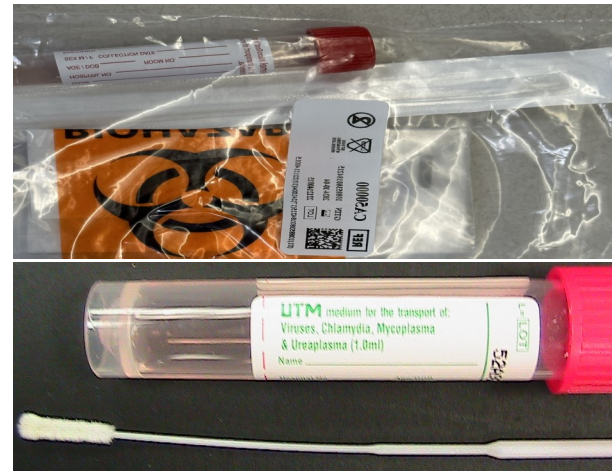
Green E-Swab—Used for: Eye/ Ear Cultures Lab4742

White E-Swab—Used for:

- Wound Cultures Lab503
- Gonorrhea Culture (non-genital source) Lab235

Universal Viral Transport Media (UTM) Swab

Use for Respiratory Virus Testing on Nasal/Nasopharyngeal specimens, Herpes Simplex Virus, and Varicella-Zoster



CA50000 UTM (Nasal)—Used for:

- Sars-Cov-2 with Influenza A/B
- Sars-Cov-2 with Influenza A/B and RSV, PCR
- Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), Non-Blood Lab 917
- Varicella-Zoster (VZV) Lab 3218

BD UTM (Nasopharyngeal) - Used only for Respiratory FilmArray Panel **ABN is required for all samples submitted contact MedLabs for ordering instruction on Outpatient testing

Culture Bottles—Sterile Body Fluids & Blood

Use for recovery of bacterial organisms using automated method.



Strep A Antigen + PCR Back up (Blue Copan Kit)



Copan Kit—Strep A antigen (blue swab included) and/or PCR back up (white swab)

- Rapid Strep Screen Lab885
- Strep Group A PCR Lab6555

MRSA, VRE, Strep B (Red BBL Swab)



Red BBL Swab—Used for:

- MRSA (nasal) - Lab2202
- VRE (rectal) - Lab3197
- Strep B (vaginal/rectal/cervical) Lab2182

Sterile Container

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



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



Aptima Collection Kits

Use for Chlamydia/Gonorrhea by PCR ≥14yo - (CLINIC testing Only) LAB7526

Collection Kit	Sample Type
Aptima Multitest Swab Collection Kit	Clinician Collected Vaginal Swab
	Clinician Collected Throat Swab
	Clinician Collected Rectal Swab
Aptima Unisex Swab Collection Kit	Clinician Collected Endocervical (Preferred sample type)
	Clinician Collected Male Urethral Swab (Preferred Sample type)
Aptima Urine Specimen Collection Kit	Female Urine
	Male Urine

Used for ALL patients <14 yo.

- Vaginalis Panel Lab3767
- Trich Vaginalis Panel Lab2608
- GC/Chlamydia Lab2159

Source:

Vaginal, pharynx/throat, rectal
Use Aptima multitest kit
Endocervical or Male urethral
Use Aptima Unisex kit
Urine
Use Aptima urine kit

GeneExpert Swabs/Urine Collectors

Use for STD testing below:

Swab -Used for ALL FEMALE patients ≥14 yo.

- Multi Vaginalis Panel Lab3721
- Chlamydia/Gonorrhea PCR (IP/ED testing Only) Lab7526
- Trich Vaginalis Panel Lab921



Urine collector— Used for Male or Females ≥14 yo

- Chlamydia/Gonorrhea by PCR (IP/ED testing Only) Lab7526
- Trich Vaginalis Panel Lab921



For samples on patients <14 yo please refer to St Luke's online lab catalog for Collection

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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