**Photo Crosswalk Chart for Cultures**

**Respiratory swab kit**

Respiratory swab kit should only be used for viral and atypical bacteria PCR panels.

- **Rapid Respiratory Viral PCR and Atypical Bacterial PCR Qual**
- **Rapid Respiratory Virus PCR Qualitative Seattle Childrens Hospital**
- **Rapid Resp Atypical Bacteria PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital**
- **Rapid Resp Pertussis PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital**
- **Rapid Resp Chlamydia pneumo PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital**
- **Rapid Resp Mycoplasma pneumo PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital**
- **Rapid Resp Flu RSV PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital**

**Demand Flow Name**

- Viral NP Kit > 2yr
- Viral NP Kit < 2yr

**Herpes and Other Viral Cultures for PCR (skin, lesion, or eye)**

Use either the Viral NP Kit (Viral NP Kit >2yr) or the swab from the ESwab kit and place it in the UTM media from the Viral NP kit.

**Consult with microbiologist before ordering.**

**PCR for Pertussis**

Call Central Supply x72036
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## Vaginal & Endocervical Kit

**Non-bloody Vaginal and Endocervical specimens**

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Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply x72036

## APTIMA Vaginal Collection Kit

**Bloody Vaginal Samples for CT/NG**

For APTIMA Kits - Call the lab.

Seattle Lab (Call x72585)
Bellevue Lab (Call x49166)
South Lab (Call x58324)

## APTIMA Endocervical Collection Kit

**Bloody Endocervical Samples for CT/NG**

For APTIMA Kits - Call the lab.

Seattle Lab (Call x72585)
Bellevue Lab (Call x49166)
South Lab (Call x58324)

## BBL Culture Swab EZII Double Swab system

**Rapid Strep & Throat Culture**

Demand Flow Name: *Swab Strep Throat Cx*

## E Swab Bacterial culture kit

**Bacterial – Aerobic & Anaerobic:**

- White cap ESwab
  - MRSA Screen
  - Wound Culture
  - Ear Culture
  - Genital Culture
  - Genital Wet Mount
  - Eye Culture
  - Non Throat Strep Screen
  - Throat cultures without Strep Screen
  - Misc. Aerobic Culture
  - Some Fungus cultures – Check Lab Man

- Green cap ESwab minitip
  - Nasopharyngeal Culture (including MRSA Screen) & Sinus Culture - use mini-tip ESwab kit

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**For more detailed swab information on collections see the following:**

**Test Name/Description**

- **Rapid Respiratory Viral PCR and Atypical Bacterial PCR Qual** - This is done with the flocked swab in the viral respiratory kit. It is placed in the UTM (Universal Transport Media) contained in the viral respiratory kits.

  - RapidViruPCR  
    - [Rapid Respiratory Virus PCR Qualitative Seattle Childrens Hospital](#)

  - RapidBactPCR  
    - [Rapid Resp Atypical Bacteria PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital](#)

  - RapidPertPCR  
    - [Rapid Resp Pertussis PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital](#)

  - RapidChImPCR  
    - [Rapid Resp Chlamydia pneumo PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital](#)

  - RapidMycoPCR  
    - [Rapid Resp Mycoplasma pneumo PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital](#)
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**PCR for Pertussis** - **consult microbiologist before ordering**
For Rapid results see above **Rapid Respiratory Viral PCR and Atypical Bacterial PCR Qual**

Sample should be collected using a **Copan FLOQ swab** (orange cap) obtained by calling Central Service.

The following swabs will be **REJECTED** for this test:
1. Swabs in Universal Transport Media (UTM)
2. Any other swabs with transport media

**Herpes and Other Viral Cultures and PCR** (skin, lesion, or eye)
Sample should be collected using either the Viral NP Kit >2 year or the swab from the ESwab kit and place it in the red top **Universal Transport Media (UTM)**.

**See below for vaginal or endocervical samples.**

- **CT PCR /NG PCR** (Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhoea PCR)
  - **Dirty catch urines are the required sample type.**
    - Collect urine sample (non-bloody and bloody) into a urine container.
    - Send to Microbiology Lab for testing.
  - For Vaginal/Endocervical sample, collect using the CT/NG Vaginal/Endocervical Collection Kit.
  - Eye, throat, urethral and anal will be accepted, but are not FDA approved for this assay.
    - Use Xpert CT/NG Vaginal/Endocervical Collection Kit. UTM is acceptable but not optimal.
If the Vaginal sample is **bloody**, collect sample using the APTIMA Vaginal Collection Kit.

If the Endocervical sample is **bloody**, collect sample using the APTIMA Endocervical Collection Kit.

- **Genital culture** – Includes culture for GC as well as other genital pathogens and opportunists. The preferred test for diagnosis of GC is the CT/NG PCR.
- If resistant GC is suspected or forensic testing investigation is necessary, culture is warranted. Collect samples using the appropriate swabs.

Seattle & Regional Clinics: Use E-Swab. No need to collect a second swab for the gram stain.

- **Genital Wet Mount** – Use the swab from the ESwab kit (see photo). A gram stain can be performed to rule out Polymorphonuclear Leukocytes, Yeast and Clue cells. Specimen must be examined within 1 hour of collection.
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- **Wound Culture** – Sample should be collected on the ESwab kit. These swabs are acceptable for aerobic, anaerobic, and fastidious organism culture and gram stain.

- **Tissue Culture** – Tissue collected in a sterile container and body fluid collected in a syringe is preferred.

  **Regional Clinics**

  - BD ESwab should be used for tissue if transport time is greater than 1 hour. ESwabs are acceptable for aerobic, anaerobic, and fastidious organism culture and gram stain.

- **Rapid Strep & Throat Culture** – Use BBL Culture Swab EZII Double Swab system. One Swab is used for Rapid Strep testing and the second for the reflex culture if Rapid Strep test is negative.

- **Mycobacterial Culture (AFB)** – Collect tissue, sputum or other body fluid into sterile leak proof specimen container. Send adequate sample. Swabs of site are unacceptable due to low yield of organisms.

**Where to find the swabs and media**

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