Routine Culture Swab

Used for all aerobic culture types of specimens collected on swabs:
- Culture, Wound – **specimen source information required**
- Culture, Throat (Pharyngitis)
- Culture, Group B Strep (OB Pre-natal Screening)
- Culture, Beta-Strep (Other Source)
- Culture, Ear
- Culture, Eye separate routine culture swab
- Culture, Genital
- Culture, Gonorrhoeae
- Culture, Nasal (R/O MRSA)

This item should also be used when collecting swab specimens for the following tests:

- Rapid Strep A Antigen
- Oral, dermal, and genital sources, **specimen source information required**, for:
  - Herpes Simplex Virus by PCR, Non-Blood
  - Varicella-Zoster Virus by PCR
  - HSV and VZV by PCR
  Alternate acceptable transport: Swab in UTM

Anaerobic Culture Swab

Also required: Aerobic Culture of same site, collected on Routine Culture Swab (above).
For deep infections only – specimens collected from superficial sites, or sites with normal anaerobic microbiota (e.g. genital, fecal) are not acceptable for anaerobic culture.
Aerobic Vial: EHS # C5546
Anaerobic Vial: EHS #C5547

Pediatric Vial: EHS #C5548

FLUAB:
Kit, Collection Universal
Viral Flu 1 ml. (EHS #F2640)
Urine Culture Transport
Use for urine culture only. This gray-top Vacutainer® transport will maintain bacterial colony counts during transport to the lab for a period of 48 hours. Fill tubes to the minimum fill line (at least 4 mL). Do not submit a red/yellow swirl-top Vacutainer® urinalysis preservative tube for urine culture. Transport at room temperature after collection.

Vacutainer® Urine Culture Transport Tube

UTM-RT Transport (Purple-cap)

Obtain from Microbiology
Vaginitis/Vaginosis by DNA Probe
Submit the BD Affirm™ VP III ATTS sample collection tube for detection of Candida species, G vaginalis, and T vaginalis from vaginal fluid swab specimens of patients with symptoms of vaginitis/vaginosis. Break the ampule and dispense the ambient temperature transport reagent into the sample collection tube before placing the swab specimen into the tube. Transport at room temperature or refrigerate after collection. Specimens must be tested within 72 hours after collection.

BD Affirm™ VP III
Ambient Temperature Transport System

Obtain from Labcorp
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**Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) & NuSwab™ Tests by Nucleic Acid Amplification**

For Detection of *C. trachomatis, N. gonorrhoeae, T. vaginalis, Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) 1&2, Candida species, and/or Bacterial Vaginosis (BV)*

Submit the Gen-Probe APTIMA® vaginal swab transport with orange label (preferred transport) for amplified detection of *C. trachomatis, N. gonorrhoeae, T. vaginalis, herpes simplex virus (HSV) 1&2, Candida species, and/or bacterial vaginosis (BV)* from vaginal fluid specimens. Collect vaginal sample by contacting the swab to the lower third of the vaginal wall and rotating the swab for 10 to 30 seconds to absorb fluid. Immediately place the swab into transport tube and carefully break the swab shaft against the side of the tube. Alternatively, submit the Gen-Probe APTIMA® unisex swab transport with white label for amplified detection of *C. trachomatis, N. gonorrhoeae, T. vaginalis, or HSV 1&2* from endocervical or male urethral specimens. A vaginal specimen is required if the unisex swab is used for amplified detection of bacterial vaginosis and/or *Candida* species. All tests can be performed from a single transport device. Do not place more than 1 swab in a single transport device. Do not use the white- shafted cleaning swab that comes with the unisex swab to collect specimen. Transport at room temperature or refrigerate after collection.

Submit the Gen-Probe APTIMA® urine transport with yellow label for amplified detection of *C. trachomatis, N. gonorrhoeae, and/or T. vaginalis* from male or female first-void urine specimens. Total volume of urine submitted must fall between the two black lines indicated on the transport tube label. Transport at room temperature or refrigerate after collection.

**Gen-Probe APTIMA® Vaginal Swab Transport (preferred for NuSwab™ testing)**

**Gen-Probe APTIMA® Unisex Swab Transport**

**Gen-Probe APTIMA® Urine Transport (for Ct, Ng, and Tv testing only)**
Obtain from Microbiology

QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube (QFT®) Assay for Tuberculosis Infection

The QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube (QFT) collection kit is used to submit specimens for the interferon-gamma release assay for detection of tuberculosis infection. This QFT kit contains collection instructions and 3 unique blood collection tubes (a Nil Control tube [grey cap], a TB Antigen tube [red cap] and a Mitogen tube [purple cap]). Collect whole blood into each of the 3 collection tubes and shake vigorously. Store kit at room temperature prior to use. Transport at room temperature after collection or incubation.
STOOL SPECIMEN COLLECTION: PARA-PAK® SYSTEM

EcoFix® (Single Vials)

Clean Vials

C&S Used for the recovery of bacteria, specifically enteric pathogens such as *Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter, E. coli, Aeromonas, Plesiomonas* and *Yersinia*. The transport medium includes a pH indicator to detect acidic conditions that are not optimal for recovery of enteric pathogens.