Cultures and Swabs
St. Luke’s Laboratory

AFB Cultures-swabs are not acceptable
Tissue, Fluid, Sputum
Sterile container also used for urine and stool tests

BBL Culture Swab with Soft Aluminum Applicator
Nose and Ear bacterial cultures requiring a soft flexible applicator (nasopharyngeal)

BBL Culture Swab Plus
Nasopharyngeal collection for Bortetella pertussis PCR Testing

Aptima® Tubes
Used for Gonorrhea/Chlamydia PCR testing
Vaginal Swab in orange Aptima tube
Urine in yellow Aptima tube (if urine specimen cannot be transported to lab within 1 hour)

SP brand Culture Swab
Used for Wound cultures, MRSA Nares, In-patient Strep A screens, and clinic wet preps

Sterile Saline with Dacron Swab
WET Prep/ KOH
Storage: Room Temperature or Refrigerated

Sterile Transport Swab (Red)
Dual swab for skin and soft tissue MRSA/MRSA PCR testing, and Strep B PCR testing

UTM with Flexible Minitip
Used for Nasal pharyngeal collection of Influenza A, B (screen or PCR); RSV; Respiratory Panel

UTM-RT Used for Non-Nasal pharyngeal collection of virus cultures (Mycoplasma, Ureaplasma, HSV)