

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



Vaginal Swab



Urine

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)



Sterile Transport Swab (Red)

Dual swab for skin and soft tissue
 MRSA/MRSA PCR testing, and Strep B
 PCR testing



**BBL Culture Swab
 with Soft Aluminum Applicator**

Nose and Ear bacterial cultures
 requiring a soft flexible applicator
 (nasopharyngeal)



SP brand Culture Swab

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



BBL Culture Swab Plus

Nasopharyngeal collection for
Bordetella pertussis PCR Testing



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



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)