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

**Nasopharyngeal collection**
*Bortetella pertussis PCR Testing,* Nose and Ear bacterial cultures

**Aptima® Tubes**
Used for Gonorrhea/Chlamydia PCR testing
Vaginal, Throat, Rectal 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

**Remel M4-RT Media + Dacron swab**
Used for Non-Nasopharyngeal collection of virus cultures
(Mycoplasma, Ureaplasma, HSV)