

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 , Throat, Rectal 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**

Nasopharyngeal collection
Bordetella pertussis PCR Testing,
 Nose and Ear bacterial cultures



SP brand Culture Swab

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



UTM with Flexible Minitip

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



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



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