### Photo Crosswalk Chart for Cultures

**Respiratory swab kit should only be used for viral and atypical bacteria PCR panels.**

- Rapid Respiratory SHORT Flu/RSV PCR Panel Qual
- Rapid Respiratory LONG Virus PCR Panel Qual
- Rapid Respiratory Viral PCR and Atypical Bacterial PCR Qual
- Rapid Resp Atypical Bacteria PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital
- Rapid Resp Pertussis PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital
- Rapid Resp Chlamydia pneumo PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital
- Rapid Resp Mycoplasma pneumo PCR Qual Seattle Childrens Hospital

**Demand Flow Name:**
- Viral NP Kit >2yr
- Viral NP Kit <2yr

**Herpes and Other Viral Cultures or PCR (skin, lesion, or eye)**
Use either the Viral NP Kit (Viral NP Kit >2yr) OR use the swab from the E-Swab kit and place it in the UTM media from the Viral NP Kit.

****Consult with microbiologist before ordering.**

**PCR for Pertussis**

**CIS Name:** PCR for Bordetella pertussis

*Call Central Supply at x72036*
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## Non-bloody Vaginal and Endocervical Specimens

**CIS Name:** Chlamydia trachomatis PCR (**CT PCR**)  
**CIS Name:** Neisseria gonorrhoeae PCR (**GC PCR**)  

_Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply at x72036_

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### For Sexual Assault Swab Guide See Link

[https://seattlechildrenslab.testcatalog.org/catalogs/185/files/9714](https://seattlechildrenslab.testcatalog.org/catalogs/185/files/9714)

## Rapid Strep & Throat Culture

**Demand Flow Name:** Swab Strep Throat Cx

## Bacterial – Aerobic & Anaerobic:

**White cap E-Swab**
- MRSA Screen
- Wound Culture
- Ear Culture
- Genital Culture
- Genital Wet Mount
- Eye Culture
- Non Throat Strep Screen

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- **Throat cultures without Strep Screen**
- **Misc. Aerobic Culture**
- **Some Fungus cultures – Check Lab Man**
  Green cap E Swab minitip
- **Nasopharyngeal Culture (including MRSA Screen) & Sinus Culture - use mini-tip ESwab kit**

**Demand Flow Name:** E-Swab Bact Cx Kit

- **Tissue Culture in sterile cup**
- **Body Fluid in Syringe**
- **Mycobacterial Culture (AFB) – Leak proof container**

- **Urine Culture – Clean catch**
- **Stool Culture**
- **CT PCR / NG PCR** (Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhea PCR) **Dirty catch urines are the required sample type.**
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For more detailed swab information on collections, please see the following:

Test Name/Description

**Rapid Respiratory Viral PCR and Atypical Bacterial PCR Qual** - This is done with the flocked swab in the viral respiratory kit. It is placed in the UTM (Universal Transport Media) contained in the viral respiratory kits.

- **RapidViruPCR**  [Rapid Respiratory Virus PCR Qualitative](#) Seattle Children’s Hospital
- **RapidBactPCR**  [Rapid Resp Atypical Bacteria PCR Qual](#) Seattle Children’s Hospital
- **RapidPertPCR**  [Rapid Resp Pertussis PCR Qual](#) Seattle Children’s Hospital
- **RapidChlmPCR**  [Rapid Resp Chlamydia pneu PCR Qual](#) Seattle Children’s Hospital
- **RapidMycoPCR**  [Rapid Resp Mycoplasma pneu PCR Qual](#) Seattle Children’s Hospital

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**PCR for Bordetella Pathogens** - Sample should be collected using a Copan FLOQ swab (orange cap) obtained by calling Central Supply at x72036.

The following swab will be **REJECTED** for this test:

1. Swabs in Universal Transport Media (UTM)
2. Any other swabs with transport media

**Herpes and Other Viral Cultures and PCR** (skin, lesion, or eye)

Sample should be collected using either the Viral NP Kit >2 year **OR** the swab from the ESwab kit and place it in the red top **Universal Transport Media (UTM)**.
See below for vaginal or endocervical samples.

- **CT PCR/NG PCR** (Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhoea PCR)
  - **Dirty catch urines are the required sample type.**
    - Collect urine sample (non-bloody and bloody) into a urine container
    - Send to Microbiology Lab for testing.
  - For Vaginal/Endocervical sample, collect using the CT/NG Vaginal/Endocervical Collection Kit.
  - Eye, throat, urethral, and anal will be accepted, but are not FDA approved for this assay.
    - Use Xpert CT/NG Vaginal/Endocervical Collection Kit. UTM is acceptable but no optimal.
  - If the Vaginal sample is bloody, collect sample using the APTIMA Vaginal Collection Kit.
  - If the Endocervical sample is bloody, collect sample using the APTIMA Endocervical Collection Kit.
    - **APTIMA Vaginal/Endocervical Collection Kits are sent to UW for testing.**

**Genital Culture** – Includes culture for GC as well as other genital pathogens and opportunists. The preferred test for diagnosis of GC is the CT/NG PCR.

- If resistant GC is suspected culture is warranted.
- For sexual assault evaluations it is necessary to also collect the appropriate APTIMA kit for CT/NG at the same time. Collect samples using the appropriate swabs. See above link to Sexual Assault kit instructions.

**Seattle and Regional Clinics:** Use ESwab; there is no need to collect a second swab for the gram stain.
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**Genital Wet Mount** – Use the swab from the ESwab kit (see photo). A gram stain can be performed to rule out Polymorphonuclear Leukocytes, Yeast, and Clue cells. Specimen must be examined within ONE hour of collection.

**Wound Culture** – Sample should be collected on the ESwab Kit. These swabs are acceptable for aerobic, anaerobic, and fastidious organism culture and gram stain.

**Tissue Culture** – Tissue collected in a sterile container and body fluid collected in a syringe is preferred.

**Regional Clinics**

- **BD ESwab** should be used for tissue if transport is greater than ONE hour.
  - ESwabs are acceptable for aerobic, anaerobic, and fastidious organism culture and gram stain.

**Rapid Strep & Throat Culture** – Use BBL Culture Swab EZII Double Swab system. One swab is used for Rapid Strep testing and the second for the reflex culture if Rapid Strep test is negative.
**Mycobacterial Culture (AFB)** – Collect tissue, sputum, or other body fluid into sterile leak proof specimen container. Send adequate sample. Swabs of site are unacceptable due to low yield of organisms.

### Where to find the swabs and media:

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