**Care New England Microbiology Department**

**Genital Specimen Collection Devices**

**Test Code:** C Genital  
**Test:** Genital culture  
**Device:** Starswab II  
Green top swab with moistened Amie’s sponge (routine swab)

**Test Code:** Affirm  
**Test:** Candida species, Trichomonas, Bacterial Vaginosis ratio indicator  
**Device:** BD Affirm VPIII – Ambient Temperature Transport System  
*Note - Once collected, submit to laboratory within 24-48 hours. Sample is only stable for 72 hours.*

**Test Code:** GBS DNA  
**Test:** GBS Genital Screen  
**Device:** LIM broth (place rectovaginal swab into broth after collection)

**Sources:** Vaginal, Endocervical  
**Test Code:** CT/GC Swab PCR  
**Test:** Chlamydia trachomatis and/or Neisseria gonorrhoea by PCR method (female)  
**Device:** Dual swab sample packet  
Female genital specimens only

**Test Code:** CT/GC Urine PCR  
**Test:** Chlamydia trachomatis and/or Neisseria gonorrhoea by PCR method  
**Device:** Sterile screw top urine container  
*Note - Send urine to laboratory as soon as possible (within 24 hours of collection).*

**Sources:** Throat, Rectal, or Male Urethral  
**Test Code:** Miscellaneous  
**Test:** Chlamydia trachomatis and/or Neisseria gonorrhoea by PCR method  
**Device:** Hologic APTIMA Unisex Swab collection kit  
*Obtain kits from CNE Women and Infants Microbiology Dept Collect with blue swab. Do NOT puncture foil top. Do not use this system to collect female genital sources*

**Test Code:** HPV DNA Thinprep  
**Test:** HPV (reflex from AS-CUS or baseline screen) and HPV type 16/18  
**Test Code:** CT/GC PCR Thinprep  
**Device:** PreservCyt Thin Prep Vial

**Sources:** Throat, Rectal, or Male Urethral  
**Test Code:** CT/GC Swab PCR  
**Test:** Chlamydia trachomatis and/or Neisseria gonorrhoea by PCR method  
**Device:** Dual swab sample packet  
Female genital specimens only

**Test Code:** CT/GC Urine PCR  
**Test:** Chlamydia trachomatis and/or Neisseria gonorrhoea by PCR method  
**Device:** Sterile screw top urine container  
*Note - Send urine to laboratory as soon as possible (within 24 hours of collection).*

**Test Code:** Herpes cultures, Chlamydia cultures for test of cure (TOC)  
**Device:** M6RT Transport

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Routine Specimen Collection Devices

**Routine bacterial culture (aerobic):**
throat, superficial wound, etc.
Starswab (rayon swab with moistened sponge).
Collect specimens should be transported to the lab as soon as possible. Stable at room temperature up to 24 hours.
**Do NOT refrigerate**

**Anaerobic cultures**
Must add extra swab in Port-a-Cul vial transport media.
Source: Tissues or deep wound
**Do NOT refrigerate**
Note – Please submit body fluids in a sterile container (not inside of a swab).

**Rapid Flu A/B DNA (nasal) White capped Puritan swab**
Transport to lab immediately. Specimen stable at 2-8°C for 24 hours.

**DNA MRSA Screen (nasal)**
Copan red-capped double swab
Transport to lab immediately. If unable to transport immediately, refrigerate at 2-8°C until ready to transport to lab (within 72 hours).

**Viral culture – all sources**
Chlamydia, Mycoplasma, Ureaplasma, and Herpes cultures – genital sources. Respiratory Pathogen PCR Panel (nasopharyngeal)

**M6RT transport media**
Unused tubes can be stored at room temperature. Once collected, send to lab immediately or refrigerate at 2-8°C until ready to transport to lab (within 48 hours).

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