



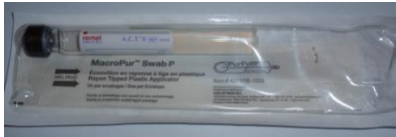










Microbiology Specimen Collection & Transport Devices Chart

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Device Name Description	Photo	Storage / Transport Temperatures	Used for
BBL Culture Swab – Red Cap Red Cap		Storage – Room Temp Transport – Refrigerate	Use for bacterial and fungal cultures e.g. throat, wounds, vaginal/rectal for Gr. B Strep, etc. Not for anaerobes or TB cultures.
BBL Culture Swab Mini-Tip Green Cap		Storage – Room Temp Transport – Refrigerate	Ear, Nasopharyngeal, etc. (Samples where a small swab is needed for collection of bacterial cultures.) Bordetella PCR
BBL Culture Swab Plus Orange Cap with black media		Storage – Room Temp Transport – Refrigerated, but room temp preferred for eyes	GC Culture and Eye cultures
BBL Culture Swab White Cap White Cap		Storage – Room Temp Transport – Refrigerate	Used for Herpes 1 & 2 PCR, (HSV) PCR, Varicella-zoster Virus (VZV) PCR, Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) and Varicella-zoster virus (VZV) Detection by PCR, Dermal Also used for Mycoplasma and Ureaplasma.
Remel A.C.T. II Dual Black Cap Tube		Storage–Room Temp Transport–Room Temp Deliver to Lab ASAP	Used for Anaerobic cultures (includes routine aerobic culture and a Gram stain). Fluid specimens are always preferred over swabs. Swab top of vial with alcohol pad, and then inject fluid from syringe into vial. When swabs are necessary use swabs supplied with Port-A-Cul tube.
Cobas PCR Female_ Swab Sample Packet cobas PCR Packet with Pink swab on the left		Storage – Room Temp Transport – Room Temp or Refrigerate	Used for Chlamydia / Neisseria Amplified DNA testing from either physician-assisted endocervical or vaginal swabs and self-collected vaginal swabs.
Cobas PCR <u>Urine</u> Sample Packet cobas PCR Packet with Yellow instructions		Storage – Room Temp Transport – Room Temp or Refrigerate	Used for Chlamydia / Neisseria Amplified DNA testing from urine.
Gen-Probe APTIMA UniSex Swab Collection Kit Purple Gen-Probe APTIMA vial		Storage – Room Temp Transport – Refrigerate	Used for Chlamydia / Neisseria Amplified DNA testing from non-genital sources: eyes, oral/throat, or rectal/anal.
Hologic Aptima Unisex Urine Specimen Collection Kit White Cap tube with yellow label		Storage- Room Temp Transport- Refrigerate	Used for Trichomonas vaginalis testing from male or female urine. Collect 15-20mL of the first portion of voided urine. Pipette about 2mL of urine into Aptima urine transport tube until fluid level is between black fill lines. Include source when ordering

<p>Culture & Sensitivity</p> <p>Orange cap Vial</p>		<p>Storage – Room Temp Transport – Room Temp</p>	<p>Used for the Enteric Pathogen assay.</p>
<p>Para-Pak Eco-Fix</p> <p>Green cap Vial</p>		<p>Storage – Room Temp Transport – Room Temp</p>	<p>Used for O & Ps</p>
<p>Para-Pak 10% Formalin</p> <p>Pink cap Vial</p>		<p>Storage – Room Temp Transport – Room Temp</p>	<p>Used for Giardia/Cryptosporidium screens.</p>
<p>Pur-wrap</p> <p>Dacron (a polyester) Mini-tip Swab</p>		<p>Storage – Room Temp Transport – NA</p>	<p>Dacron Mini-tip swab (<i>Pur-wraps</i>) is used with Viral M5 Transport Media. See: Viral M5 Transport Media</p>
<p>Sterile Screw-top Specimen Container</p> <p>Blue Screw-top cap Color of top may vary</p>		<p>Storage – Room Temp Transport – Refrigerate</p>	<p>Use for <i>C. difficile</i> Toxin by PCR – 1 gram of stool in clean container. Freeze if for <i>H. pylori</i> testing. For hospital on-site collection of urine for UA/UC. Label sample as method of collection: Cath, Midstream, Clean Catch, etc. Also used for urine to be tested for Mumps, Mycoplasma, and Ureaplasma.</p>
<p>Urine Collection and Transport Kit</p> <p>(Vacutainer) Grey Tube UC Blue Screw-top UA Send both for UA/UC</p>		<p>Storage – Room Temp Transport – Refrigerate</p>	<p>For clinic and other off-site collection of urine for culture (UC). Label sample as method of collection: Midstream, Clean Catch, etc.</p>
<p>Viral M5 Transport Media (used with a Mini-tip Swab)</p> <p>Green capped tube with Reddish fluid</p>	<p>See <i>Pur-wrap</i> above.</p> 	<p>Storage – Swabs - Room Temp M5 Media – Refrigerated</p>	<p>Used for Nasopharyngeal (NP) samples for viral cultures. Break or cut swab off in tube and screw cap on tightly. Do not use wooden shaft swabs.</p>
<p>Xpert Nasopharyngeal Sample Collection Kit for Viruses</p> <p>Cepheid NP Packet with Red cap tube and swab</p>		<p>Storage – Room Temp Transport – Room Temp or Refrigerate</p>	<p>Used for Nasopharyngeal (NP) samples for Influenza A/B and RSV testing. Break swab off in tube and screw cap on tightly.</p>