

# Specimens for Microbiology

Viral/Bacterial Culture Collection Requirements					
Test Name	Mnemonic	Method	Specimen Collection and Storage	Source	Notes
<i>Chlamydia</i> /GC by GEN-PROBE	GENP	Amplified DNA	Submit blue swab in GEN-PROBE Unisex Specimen Kit or urine specimen refrigerated or ambient	Cervix, urine or urethral	If white swab or no swab is submitted, test will be cancelled.
<i>Chlamydia</i> Culture	CHLM	Culture	M5 sent refrigerated Collection swab: Males: Calgiswab Females: Dacron swab	Amniotic fluid, cervix, eyes, endocervix, rectum, pelvic fluid, urethra	GEN-PROBE is preferred method, if adult. <b>Temperature sensitive:</b> Refrigerate immediately; must be <b>frozen</b> at laboratory.
Herpes Simplex Virus by PCR	HSVRC	PCR	Remel (white capped) Stuarts swab refrigerated <b>No Gel Swab</b> Alternate collection method: M4 or M5 sent refrigerated	Genital, throat, skin, sterile body fluid, respiratory washings, or tissue	Always send separate specimen for PCR method. Reported as type 1 or type 2 Washing or fluid in screw-capped, sterile tube with saline.
<i>Mycoplasma</i>	MYCO	Culture	M4 or M5 sent refrigerated	Cervix, urethra, vagina, or other genital sites	A separate M5 must be collected for <i>Chlamydia</i> culture.
<i>Ureaplasma</i>	UREA	Culture	M4 or M5 sent refrigerated	Cervix, urethra, vagina, or other genital sites	A separate M5 must be collected for <i>Chlamydia</i> culture.
Respiratory Syncytial Virus	RSV	EIA	Nasopharyngeal aspirate/wash or viral swab in 3 to 4 mL of saline in a screw-capped, sterile container sent refrigerated. Please request BD Universal Viral Transport Swab from Client Services or Microbiology (no wire swabs used, only for eye culture or FLU)	Nasopharyngeal aspirate/wash, or swab	Nasopharyngeal swab is acceptable but is inferior to aspirates or washes.
<b>Additional Notes: Specimen source is required; M5 must be refrigerated at all times.</b>					
Acceptable Swabs: Remel (white capped) Stuarts swab Dacron swab supplied with M5 media Please request Calgiswab (male swab) as needed.					
Unacceptable for Viral Culture: BBL Gel Swab (blue capped) is acceptable for anaerobic cultures only.					