

MICROBIOLOGY SPECIMEN COLLECTION GUIDE

YELLOW SWAB: -Throat Culture -Aerobic Culture -Female Genital Culture with Wet Prep -Yeast Culture -Upper Respiratory Culture Document Site.	
BLUE SWAB: -Aerobic/Anaerobic Culture -Use for MRSA if site is not nasal Document Site.	
WHITE CULTURE SWAB: -Herpes Culture -Varicella Culture -Ureaplasma species, PCR Document Site. Lab will place in M4 media.	
COVID, INFLUENZA A & B, RSV by PCR: Nasal collection.	
RAPID COVID ONLY: Kit contains conical tube and swab. Nasal collection.	

COPAN RED SWAB: MRSA Surveillance by PCR Nasal collection only.	 A COPAN RED swab with a white handle and a red cap. The label on the handle includes the COPAN logo, 'IVD', and 'FOR IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC USE'.
GONORRHEA/CHLAMYDIA TRICHOMONAS (GENE EXPERT SWAB): Female Only	 A Gene Expert swab with a white handle and a red cap, lying next to its packaging. The packaging is white with blue and red text.
GONORRHEA/CHLAMYDIA APTIMA SWAB: Throat and Rectal Only	 An Aptima swab with a pink handle and a white cap, lying next to its orange and white packaging. The packaging has a label with 'Specimen Source', 'IVD', 'LOT 900685', and '2025-12-31'.
GONORRHEA/CHLAMYDIA APTIMA SWAB: Male Only (Urethra)	 An Aptima swab with a blue handle and a white cap, lying next to its white packaging. The packaging has a label with 'HOLOGIC', 'Aptima', and '2.9 mL'.
BORDETELLA PERTUSSIS SWAB: *Must be nasopharyngeal or will be rejected.	 A BBL CultureSwab with a white handle and a green cap, lying next to its white packaging. The packaging has a label with 'BBL CultureSwab', 'COLLECTION & TRANSFER SYSTEM', and 'PERTUSSIS'.

FUNGAL eSWAB:

Use for dermal, ear, mouth, ocular, wound sources.

*Not for vaginal source.

**PURPLE eSWAB:**

Rapid Strep by PCR

**STERILE CONTAINER:**

- Urine Culture
- Urine STD
- Sputum Culture
- AFB Culture
- Tissue Culture (document site)
- Fungal Culture Skin/Hair Nails
- Fresh Stool Sample



**ORANGE STOOL
TRANSPORT VIAL:**

- Stool Culture
- C Difficile
- Crypto & Giardia
- H Pylori (must have its own container)



**ECOFIX STOOL
TRANSPORT VIAL:**

- OVA & Parasite (Known Travel History)
- Cyclospora



BLUE PVA MODIFIED FIX:
WBC, Stool



**STOOL CONTAINER FOR
24, 48, OR 72 HOUR
COLLECTION:**

Record duration of collection.



BODY FLUID KITS:

(pleural, peritoneal,
pericardial, synovial)

Kits are made up of **two**
lithium heparin tubes and
one clear/no additive tube.

Document Source.

