







Microbiology Specimen Collection Guide


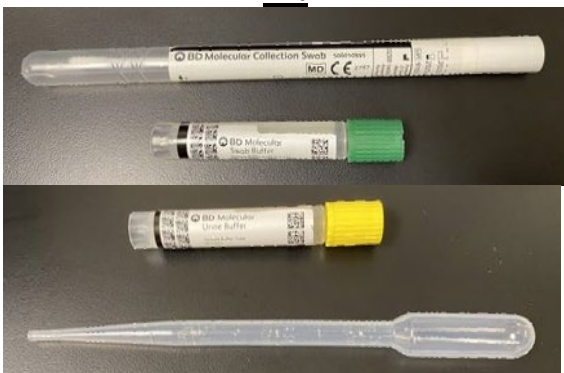
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<p><u>E Swab</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Aerobic and anaerobic Culture</u> • MRSA Nasal PCR • MRSA Culture • Group A Strep PCR • Throat Culture • Genital Culture • KOH • Wet Mount • Tissue Culture (small pieces only) <p>DO NOT use to collect body fluids, tissues, or sputa.</p> <p>Room Temperature</p>	<p><u>Sterile Container</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tissue Culture • Body Fluid Culture • Catheter Tip Culture • Room Temperature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sputum Culture • Urine Culture • Stool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enteric Bacterial Panel ○ Enteric Parasite Panel ○ Lactoferrin ○ <i>C. diff</i> • AFB Culture • Fungal Culture <p>Refrigerate</p>

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<p><u>Urine C&S Preservative Tube</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urine Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ not acceptable for urinalysis <p>Fill the tube up to the fill line (minimum of 4 ml)</p> <p>Room Temperature</p>
<p><u>UA Screen and Culture & Sensitivity Transport</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urinalysis with culture • Urinalysis with culture if indicated <p>Submit both urine cup and urine tube with boric acid (UBOR)</p> <p>Refrigerate Urine Cup only</p>
<p><u>BBL Red Top Double Swab or White Top Single Swab (Liquid Stuart)</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Aerobic</u> culture • MRSA Nasal PCR • MRSA Culture • Throat Culture • Genital Culture • KOH • Wet Mount • Group B Strep PCR <p>Unacceptable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group A Strep by PCR • Anaerobic Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ including tissue and body fluid specimens <p>Swabs containing Liquid Amies not acceptable for PCR testing)</p> <p>Room Temperature</p>

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<p><u>UTM / VTM with Flocked Swab</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SARS-CoV-2 PCR SARS-CoV-2/FLU/RSV PCR Respiratory Panel PCR (NP only) Send out testing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viral culture (DFA or PCR) Mycoplasma culture Ureaplasma culture Chlamydia culture <p>Refrigerate</p>	
<p><u>BD MAX™ Molecular Swab Collection Kit</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BD MAX Vaginal Panel by PCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaginal swab (Green Top) <p>Room Temperature</p> BD MAX CT/GC/TV assay by PCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urine (Yellow Top) Vaginal/Endocervical Swab (Green Top) <p>Room Temperature</p> 	<p>Vaginal swabs are transferred immediately (preferred) or within 2 hours of collection into the UVE Sample Buffer Tube.</p> <p>Urine is transferred into the UVE Sample Buffer Tube within 4 hours of collection. Transfer 1 mL.</p> <p>One test per collection. If CT/GC/TV assay and Vaginal Panel are requested, please send two specimens.</p>

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<p><u>QuantiFERON-TB Gold – Plus Tubes</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QuantiFERON-TB Gold Plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shake tubes 10 times just firmly enough to make sure the entire inner surface is coated with blood. <p>Room Temperature</p>
<p><u>Para-Pak® Zn-PVA / 10% Formalin / C&S containers</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enteric Bacterial Panel ○ Enteric Parasite Panel <p>Room Temperature</p>
<p><u>BBL Green Top-Mini Tip</u></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye Culture • Urethral Culture <p>Room Temperature</p>