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Acceptable Microbiology Collection Devices at Berkeley Medical Center (BMC)



BD BBL CultureSwab (Liquid Stuart Medium)

Uses:

- WOUND CULTURE & GRAM STAIN, AEROBIC
- STERILE SITE CULTURE & GRAM STAIN, AEROBIC
- GENITAL CULTURE
- MRSA SURVEILLANCE CULTURE
- EAR CULTURE WITH GRAM STAIN
- EYE CULTURE WITH GRAM STAIN
- GROUP B STREP DNA BY PCR
- GROUP B STREPTOCOCCUS CULTURE





- WOUND CULTURE & GRAM STAIN, AEROBIC
- STERILE SITE CULTURE & GRAM STAIN, AEROBIC
- GENITAL CULTURE
- MRSA SURVEILLANCE CUTLURE
- MRSA COLONIZATION SCREEN, PCR
- EAR CULTURE WITH GRAM STAIN
- EYE CULTURE WITH GRAM STAIN
- ANAEROBIC CULTURE
- THROAT BACTERIAL CULTURE
- THROAT RAPID SCREEN WITH REFLEX
- STREP A MOLECUALR RAPID
- GROUP B STREPTOCOCCUS CULTURE



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Remel M4RT 3mL w/o Beads NP Swab Kit

Uses:

- COVID-19 CEPHEID
- COVID-19, FLU A&B, RSV
- RESPIRATORY VIRUS PANEL

Note: Also used for Bordetella pertussis PCR, Parapertussis PCR and other nasopharyngeal PCR tests at reference Laboratories.

Note: This swab cannot be used for Herpes Simplex Virus testing.



BD Universal Viral Transport for Viruses, Chlamydiae, Mycoplasmas, and Ureaplasmas

Uses:

- HSV, TYPE 1 AND TYPE2 DNA, QL REAL TIME PCR GROUPER
- HERPES SIMPLEX CULTURE
- MYCOPLASMA PNEUMONIAE DNA, PCR