

Containers, Tubes and Swabs for Test Management

Container Type	Acceptable Uses	Important Notes
UR/ YEL Yellow Urine tube 	Urinalysis <u>only</u> Urine Chemistries Drug Screen Analysis (Verify Volume Required)	DO NOT USE FOR Urine Cultures Once testing is performed on analyzer for UA, Sample cannot be used for other testing.
UR/ GREY Grey top urine tube  Label states: Urine C&S Preservative	Urine Culture Collect 2-4 mLs of urine. No specimen will be rejected if too short, however a disclaimer is appended to result.	DO NOT USE FOR Urinalysis
UR/ YEL and UR/ GREY Both Urine and Culture tubes  Catheterized Specimen Collection Cont.  Used in absence of	Urinalysis w/Reflex to Culture	Must send both tubes for UA w/Reflex to culture
 ESwab	Anaerobic Culture Aerobic Culture Wound Culture MRSA Screen Culture GC Culture Genital or Placenta Culture Eye or Ear Culture Rapid Strep A PCR C CPO Screen C Auris Screen	DO NOT USE FOR Viral Cultures Amplified Probes

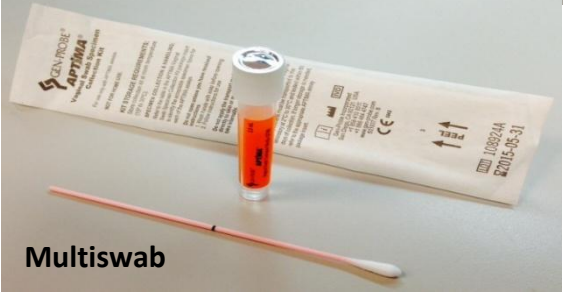
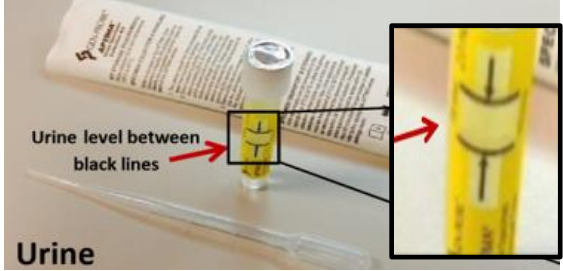
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Alternative Swab for GC culture if available 	GC Culture (any source) Genital Culture	DO NOT USE FOR Viral Culture Amplified Probes Genital Strep Screen
VIRAL VTM Virology Transport Media 	Viral Culture Respiratory Sepsis COVID-19 RSV DFA Herpes Culture VZ Culture Flu A / B Culture Chlamydia Culture	DO NOT USE FOR CSF Viral Culture Aerobic Cultures Anaerobic Cultures AFB or Fungus Cultures
Anaerobic Sterile Transport Media 	Anaerobic Culture Aerobic Culture Can be used for fluids, aspirate, bone chips or pieces and tissues. Keep the tube upright while the cap is off. Bone or tissue can be placed at the surface of the media. This is best for tissue transport so specimen will not dry out.	DO NOT USE FOR Viral Culture Amplified Probes

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Cont- STL Sterile Transport Cup 	Sterile samples Large volumes of fluid Large tissue samples (Cover with enough sterile saline to keep tissue moist) Best specimens are tissues fluids and abscess aspirated (pus) Stool for C. difficile PCR	 Stool must be liquid, semi-liquid, or slushy <u>Formed stools will be rejected!</u>
Stool Culture Transport 	Orange Para-Pak C&S <i>Stool culture only</i>	DO NOT USE FOR O&P Viral Culture WBCS (polys)
O & P Para- Pak Or Total Fix, Stool Vial 	Ova and Parasites O&P Giardia DFA or Antigen Cryptosporidium Isopora / Cyclospora Mircosporidium	DO NOT USE FOR Routine Stool Cultures Viral Cultures AFB or Fungal Cultures WBC (polys)

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Amplified Probes  Unisex  Multiswab  Urine Urine level between black lines	GC and/ or Chlamydia trachomatis Amplified Probe collection kits Unisex – <u>Blue Swab</u> Female -Endocervical Male -Urethral Multiswab - <u>Pink Swab</u> Vaginal Urine - <u>Yellow Tube</u> Male/ Female <i>Refer to the appropriate collection instructions on the back of the kit packing or the packing inserts</i>	<u>Unisex Swab and Multiswab</u> <u>DO NOT</u> send the white swab for testing. Break off the swab at perforation, Only Do Not use scissors to cut <u>Urine Swab</u> Urine Collection- First Void The patient should NOT have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to collection. Collect the first 20-30 mL of voided urine <u>(NOT MIDSTREAM)</u> Urine Must be between fill lines or will be rejected.
BBL Culture Swab  	Bordetella Pertussis Para Pertussis by PCR [NP Swab] (PCRPERT)	