

# The Right Swab for the Job

## Microbiology Lab Testing (Bacteria / Fungus / Viral / AFB)

Note: Requests for anaerobic culture will always have aerobic culture and gram stain performed.

**BEST option for Aerobic, Anaerobic, fungal, AFB cult.**  
Unpreserved, direct specimen in sterile container.  
Please specify source/body site



**Sterile Cup/Sterile Syringe\***

Tissue, body fluids, pus, drainages. If using syringe, remove the needle and securely cap before transport to lab.

**Aerobic/Anaerobic Culture**  
Please specify source/body site



**E-Swab, white cap, flocked swab**

Use for: wounds, gram stain, fungal cultures (excluding blood), MRSA PCR, VRE Culture, Strep A PCR (throat), Strep B PCR (vaginal/rectal)

**Do not use for Tissues, Body Fluids, AFB, MVP PCR, Flu/RSV/COVID, Resp, or Viral PCR or GC/Chlam/Trich**

**GC, Chlamydia or Trichomonas or Mycoplasma genitalium: Aptima Swab (Hologic) only**



OR



Unisex collection kit. Swab sources vary (see Lab Test Catalog). Follow the cleaning/collection instructions on the packaging. Collect two tubes if ordering M. genitalium with CT/NG. For urine, submit dirty urine in sterile container.

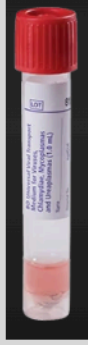
**Female Multiplex Vaginal Panel (MVP PCR):**

(BV, Candida group, C. glabrata/krusei, Trichomonas)



Inside collection kit, use packet with pink capped vial and flocked swab. DO NOT use large swab. Discard into trash. Obtain collection devices from Memorial Lab. Follow collection instructions on Lab Test Catalog.

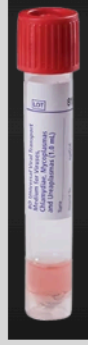
**Fluvid or SARS-CoV-2 PCR Nasal Swab in VTM**



Note: swab brand may vary. Collect a nasal swab (preferred). However, NP swab is also acceptable.

**Do not swab nasal for Respiratory PCR**

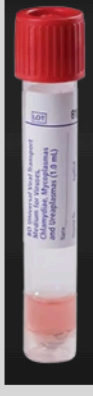
**Viral PCR (i.e. Herpes, VZ, Enterovirus/Parechovirus,etc), Mycoplasma/Ureaplasma**



Note: swab brand may vary.

Collect swab and place it into Viral Transport Medium tube. See Lab Test Catalog for additional specimen collection information if needed.

**Respiratory PCR Panel – Nasopharyngeal (NP) Swab in VTM**



Note: swab brand may vary. Collect a nasopharyngeal swab (only).

Note: if Nasal swab is collected, then a Resp PCR Alt Source must be ordered, test will be sent out to reference lab.

**CHCO MRSA PCR Age <2 yrs**



Obtain swab from Memorial Lab. Swab nares, test sent to CHCO Aurora Micro.

Note: If patient is age 2 or older, use E-swab (same as Aerobic/Anaerobic Culture, see above). Test performed at Memorial Central Micro.

**Micro is available 24/7 for any questions. 719-365-5686.**

**For additional specimen collection information, refer to Lab Test Catalog at <https://www.testmenu.com/memorialhospital>**