









# Memorial Hospital

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HEALTH

## Swab Collection Devices for Microbiology Culture Testing

Deliver all specimens immediately at room temperature. Swabs should be received within 24 hours of collection for best results.

CULTURE	SWAB CONTAINER	SPECIAL COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS
<p><b>Aerobic Bacterial Culture</b></p> <p><b>Rapid Strep Test for Grp A</b></p> <p><b>Throat Culture</b></p> <p><b>MRSA, VRE Cult</b></p> <p><b>Genital Culture</b></p> <p><b>Grp B Strep Cult</b></p>	<p>Description: SP® Brand CultureSwab. One rayon swab. Transport container has Stuart transport media in white sponge.</p> 	<p><b>Gram stain</b> is not included unless specifically requested.</p> <p>Collect two swabs when a gram stain is needed with the culture.</p>
<p><b>Anaerobic Bacterial Culture (ANAEROBE)</b></p> <p><b>GC by Culture only</b></p>	<p>Description: Black capped rayon swab. Transport container has black charcoal media.</p>  <p>Requires one anaerobic black charcoal swab and <b>TWO</b> aerobic white capped swabs.</p> 	<p>Collect one anaerobic and <b>TWO</b> aerobic swabs.</p> <p>Gram stain is always included with anaerobic cultures.</p> <p>Sensitivity testing is reflexed if growth is detected.</p>

<p><b>Viral Culture</b></p> <p><b>Herpes Culture</b></p> <p><b>Chlamydia Culture</b></p> <p><b>Influenza PCR</b>  <b>Resp Viral PCR</b>  <b>Pertussis PCR</b>  <b>Enterovirus PCR</b>  <b>Herpes (HSV) PCR</b></p> <p><b>Mycoplasma Cult or PCR</b></p> <p><b>Ureaplasma Cult or PCR</b></p>	<p>UTM with Flexible Flocked swab for adults and pediatric patients.</p> 	<p>Collect specimen on swab. Break swab at scored mark into the red-capped tube.</p> <p>Chlamydia culture: Cultures are not the preferred method for detecting Chlamydia. Chlamydia RNA is the preferred method for vaginal/urethral samples.</p>
<p><b>Chlamydia trachomatis (CT) and Neisseria gonorrhoeae (GC) RNA testing</b></p>	<p>Description: Gen-Probe APTIMA unisex swab specimen collection kit</p> 	<p>One swab detects the presence of both GC and Chlamydia RNA, the preferred method for detecting these infectious organisms. These swab devices are not used for cultures. For Genital sources only, unisex.</p>
<p><b>Vaginosis Panel by PCR</b></p> <p><b>(Candida species, Gardnerella vaginalis and Trichomonas vaginalis)</b></p>		<p>Collect vaginal fluid using a <b>BD Affirm VP VIII Ambient Temperature Transport System kit</b>. Collect vaginal sample from the posterior fornix. Follow directions on package for transport.</p>

Call the Microbiology Lab at 365-5686 for questions about Microbiology tests and specimen requirements.