	Preferred Specimen	<b>Collection Devices</b>	
Test	Collection device	Collection method	Special instructions
	Rapid S	itrep	
Rapid Group A Strep	Foam tipped swab (swab in kit)	Throat	ID NOW
	Throat C	ulture	
Throat Culture	ESwab (white or blue)	Throat	
	COVID, RSV, a	nd Influenza	
COVID-19	Foam tipped swab (swab in kit) + Hard Sided Transport Tu	be Nasal	ID NOW
RSV	Foam tipped swab (swab in kit)	Nasopharyngeal	ID NOW
	Universal viral transport system (UVT)	Nasopharyngeal	ID NOW, For transport
Influenza (Flu) A+B	Foam tip swab (swab in kit)	Nasal	ID NOW
	Universal viral transport system (UVT)	Nasopharyngeal	For transport
Respiratory Panel PCR	Universal viral transport system (UVT)	Nasopharyngeal	
Respiratory Panel Mini		Nusophul yngeu	
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Gastrointestinal (GI) PCR	Culture and sensitivity stool transport vial	Liquid stool	Add enough stool to displace media to line on the vial
Parasitic Exam	Alcorfix Parasep SF Patient Care Kit	Liquid stool	
C. difficile PCR	Sterile Cup	Liquid stool	
	Urin		
Urinalysis and Urine Culture	Sterile cup	Urine- varies	
Urine Culture with >24 hr transport	Urine culture stabilizer tube	Urine- varies	Use sterile transfer straw
	Urogei	nital	
GC Chlamydia	Aptima unisex swab collection kit	Endocervical, Urethral	Blue swab only, discard white cleaning swab
	Sterile cup	Urine	First catch (do not void prior to collection)
	Aptima Multitest Swab	Rectal, Throat, and Vaginal	
Gardnerella, Trichomonas, and Yeast	BD Affirm VPIII collection kit	Vaginal	BD Affirm method
Wet Prep	Copan dual swab (red)	Vaginal	Read within 15 minutes
Fetal Fibronectin (FFN)	FFN specimen collection swab and tube	Vaginal	
Group B Strep	Copan dual swab (red)	Vaginal/ Rectal	
Culture	ESwab (white or blue)	Urogenital	
	Herp		
Herpes	Universal Transport Media (UTM) with Flocked Swab (non-COVID)		Can be collected with Copan dual swab, but must be placed into UTM before freezing
	Shingles/ V	/aricella	
Shingles/ Varicella	Universal Transport Media (UTM) with Flocked Swab (non-COVID)	Varies	Can be collected with Copan dual swab, but must be placed into UTM before freezing
	Cultu	res	
Wound/ Aerobic	ESwab (white or blue)	Varies	Wound culture includes MRSA
Anaerobic	ESwab (white or blue)	Varies	
Sputum/ Lower Respiratory	Sterile cup	Varies	
MRSA (Nasal)	Eswab (white or blue)	Nasal	
	Fung	al	
кон	Sterile cup/ syringe	Varies	Not performed on Vaginal sources-do wet prep
	Copan dual swab (red)	Varies	
Culture	Sterile cup/ syringe	Varies	
	Eswab (white)	Varies	
	Oth	er	
Acid fast	Sterile cup/ syringe	Varies	
Bordetella pertussis	영위V만sal Transport Media (UTM) with Flocked Swab (non		
Cytology	Sterile cup/ syringe	Varies	
	Any tissue/ fluid in sterile cup/ syringe	Varies	Not stool or viral media
Gram stain	······································	÷	



Sterile cup and syringe



Foam tip swab (swab in ID NOW Flu AB and Strep Kit)





Foam tip swab (swab in ID NOW COVID) + Hard Sided Transport Tube



Sterile Foam Tipped Nasopharyngeal swab (swab in ID NOW RSV kit)





Universal Viral Transport (UVT) System (3ml)



Copan dual swab (liquid Stuarts with polyester swab)



ESwab (white, liquid amies with regular flock swab)

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ESwab (blue, liquid amies with pernasal/flexible flock minitip swab, Urine c blue)

Urine culture stabilizer tube with transfer straw

Culture and sensitivity transport vial (modified cary blair)



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Universal Transport Media (UTM) with Flocked Swab (non-COVID) Hologic Aptima Unisex Swab Collection Kit

Hologic Aptima Urine Collection Kit

**BD Affirm VPIII Swab** 



FFN specimen collection swab and

tube



Aptima Multitest Swab

This chart only shows the preferred collection device for commonly ordered lab tests. If not on this chart, please call lab or reference the lab test catalog. Last Updated: 12/06/2022