How to Collect Specimens for CRE and C. auris

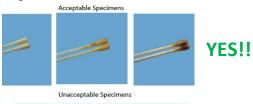
- Upon admission, patients will be asked:
 - Have you been hospitalized, had outpatient surgery/procedure or hemodialysis
 OUTSIDE the U.S. within the past year?
- If **YES**, place in **CONTACT & ENTERIC ISOLATION** and follow BPA to order two tests:
 - CRE PCR (LAB1236)
 - o Candida auris PCR (LAB1237)



Collect CRE swab (RED, dual swab):

*Red for rectal swab

- 1. Use 2 patient identifiers to verify you are collecting a swab on the correct patient.
- 2. Perform hand hygiene and don gloves.
- 3. Open package and care not to touch the cotton tips to prevent contamination.
- 4. The dual swab may be moistened with **sterile saline** or transport medium only
 - a. Do **NOT** use tap water or lubricating ielly
- 5. Insert both swab tips approximately 1 cm beyond the anal sphincter and gently rotate against the walls of the rectum 3 times. Patient with ostomy: use stoma site.
- 6. Confirm swab is not overloaded or underloaded as this can cause false negative or invalid test results.





- 7. Insert dual swab into tube and firmly close cap.
- 8. Label specimen and transport to lab per usual process.

Collect Candida auris (WHITE, eSWAB):

- 1. Use 2 patient identifiers to verify you are collecting a swab on the correct patient.
- 2. Perform hand hygiene and don gloves.
- 3. Open package and care not to touch the swab tip to prevent contamination.
- 4. Firmly rub the soft end of the collection swab across these site at least 3-5 times in the following order with the same swab:
 - a. Left axilla
 - b. Right axilla
 - c. Left groin
 - d. Right groin
- 5. Remove cap from the collection tube, then place the soft end of the swab into the tube.
- 6. Snap off the end of the swab at the marked line by bending the plastic handle against the edge.
- 7. Screw on the tube cap and ensure on correctly/tightly.
- 8. Label specimen and transport to lab per usual process.
- 9. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.

<u>Use this FAQ from MDH included in kit for patient education:</u>

https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/c andidiasis/auris/hcp/screenfag.pdf

Patient will remain in Contact & Enteric Isolation until results come back (1-4 days depending on collection date).

NO

Questions? Contact Infection Prevention 7/2020 rev. 3/2022