

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)
 - 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 jelly
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.



YES!!



NO

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.

Use this FAQ from MDH included in kit for patient education:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/candidiasis/auris/hcp/screenfaq.pdf>

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

Questions? Contact Infection Prevention
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