



# WHICH SWAB FOR CULTURE?

## Quick Reference for Swab Culture Collection

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SWAB TYPE	USE FOR
<p><b>White cap</b> Standard shaft, standard tip</p> <p><b>Green cap</b> Flexible shaft, mini-tip</p> <p><b>Blue cap</b> Very flexible shaft, mini-tip</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culture medium is the same in all 3 vial types. Swab selection should be determined by size of patient/collection site.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Aerobic Culture (RCX)</b></p> <p><b>Anaerobic Culture (ANACX)</b></p> <p><b>Fungal Culture (FCX)</b></p> <p><b>AFB Culture (AFBCX)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Any of the cultures</b> listed above may be ordered at the same time on a <b>single swab</b>.</li> <li>• <b>DO NOT use for rapid strep collection, for viral cultures, or for tissue, fluid, or toenail/fingernail samples.</b> (Use empty sterile containers for tissue, fluid or nail samples.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Red Cap</b> Standard shaft, standard tip</p> 	<p><b>USE ONLY FOR</b></p> <p><b>Rapid Strep A Screen (RSSACX)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With automatic reflex to backup culture if negative</li> </ul>