











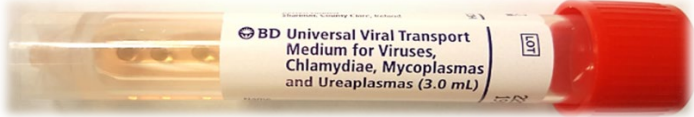

TEST NAME	COMMENTS	COLLECTION CONTAINER
CULTURE-AFB (TB)		Swabs are unacceptable for AFB (TB) culture.
CULTURE-WOUND/TISSUE/FLUID (AEROBIC ONLY)		
CULTURE-FUNGAL, OTHER	<p>Fluids, pus, drainages, aspirates, and tissues in a sterile container or syringe are best for culture</p>	<p>BD ESwab (Short tube with white cap and liquid in bottom)</p> <p>OR</p>  <p>BBL CultureSwab (White cap, foam at bottom)</p> <p>OR</p>  <p>BBL CultureSwab Plus (Blue cap, gel at bottom)</p>
CULTURE-ANAEROBIC	<p>Fluids, pus, drainages, aspirates, and tissues in a sterile container or syringe are best for culture</p>	 <p>BD ESwab (Short tube with white cap and liquid in bottom)</p> <p>OR</p>  <p>BBL CultureSwab Plus (Blue cap, gel at bottom)</p>
MRSA SCREEN	Nasal swab	
VRE SCREEN	Perianal swab	<p>BD ESwab (Short tube with white cap and liquid in bottom)</p> <p>OR</p> 
CULTURE-STREP SCREEN	<p>Throat swab or Rectal/Vaginal</p> <p>**if sending throat swab for rapid strep please use swab indicated on Rapid Strep A Screen**</p>	<p>BBL CultureSwab (White cap, foam at bottom)</p> <p>OR</p>  <p>BBL CultureSwab Plus (Blue cap, gel at bottom)</p>
BORDETELLA PRETUSSIS PCR	<p>Call Microbiology lab at x81750 for nasopharyngeal swab</p>	

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<p>RAPID STREP A SCREEN</p>	<p>Throat swab</p>	 <p>BBL CultureSwab (White cap, foam at bottom)</p>
<p>COVID PCR / INFLUENZA A/B and RSV PCR / RVP VIRAL PANEL PCR</p>	<p>Nasopharyngeal swab in universal transport media</p>	
<p>MRSA PNEUMONIA SCREEN</p>	<p>Nares swab</p>	 <p>BD ESwab (Short tube with white cap and liquid in bottom)</p>
<p>DIRECT EXAM</p>	<p>Put a small amount of sterile saline in a clear top tube and insert inoculated swab. Send immediately</p>	