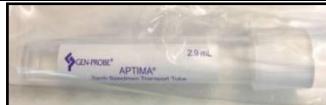
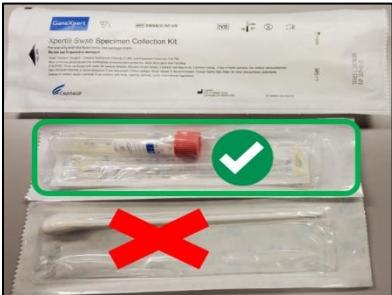


The Right Swab for the Job – Microbiology Testing

Note: Requests for anaerobic culture will always have aerobic culture and gram stain performed.

For additional specimen collection information, refer to Lab Test Catalog

Specimen/Test	Collection Device	Notes	Pictures of Devices
Aerobic, Anaerobic, Fungus, AFB culture. <u>Fluids, tissues, pus, drainages.</u>	Unpreserved, direct specimen in sterile cup or capped syringe	Write body site/source on cup/syringe	
Aerobic, Anaerobic culture. <u>Wounds, gram stain, fungus cultures (excl. blood)</u>	E-swab, white cap, flocked swab. <u>Use this device also for MRSA PCR (nares), Grp A Strep PCR (throat), Grp B Strep PCR (vag/rec), Candida auris PCR (axilla/groin)</u>	Write body site/source on cup/syringe. Do not use this device for Tissues, Body fluids, AFB Culture, MVP PCR, Fluid PCR, Resp PCR, Viral PCR, GC/Chlam/Trich, or Myco. genitalium amp.	
GC, Chlamydia, Trichomonas, or Mycoplasma genitalium Amplification. <u>Genital, rectal, throat, eye. Can also be tested on a dirty urine.</u>	Swab: Aptima Hologic only. If urine: must be dirty urine in a sterile cup. If self-collection rectal or throat within UCHealth: use orange Multitest Swab only.	Kits are unisex. Follow cleaning/collection instructions on the packaging. Collect TWO tubes if ordering M. genitalium AMP with GC/Chlamydia/Trich	 OR 
Multiplex Vaginal Panel (MVP PCR). Females only. <u>Tests for BV, Candida group, C.glabrata/krusei and Trichomonas</u>	Xpert Swab Collection Kit (GeneXpert, Cepheid)	Inside collection kit, use packet w/ pink capped vial and flocked swab. DO NOT use large swab, discard it into trash. Obtain swabs from MHC or MHN Lab. Follow instructions on Lab Test Catalog.	
CPO PCR (Carbapenemase-Producing Organism) Rectal swab	Copan Liquid Stuarts swab, red capped, dual culturette.	Obtain swab from MHC or MHN Lab. <u>Transport to lab at room temperature only.</u>	
CHCO MRSA PCR Pts age 2 yrs or less, sent to CHCO Aurora Micro. Nasal swab.	Copan Liquid Stuarts swab, red capped, dual culturette	Obtain swab from MHC or MHN Lab.	
Fluid PCR (Flu/RSV/Covid) Nasal or NP swab.	Flocked swab in viral transport media.	Collect swab and place it into viral transport media.	
Resp Viral PCR and Mycoplasma pneumoniae PCR (nasopharyngeal) NP swab only.	Flocked swab in viral transport media.	Collect NP swab and place it into viral transport media. <i>Note: if Nasal swab is collected, then a Resp PCR Alt Source must be ordered. Sent to reference lab.</i>	
Measles PCR, Pertussis PCR	Flocked swab in viral transport media.	Sources vary. See Lab Test Catalog.	
Mycoplasma pneumoniae (throat) swab or HSV PCR-CHCO	Standard swab in viral transport media. Swab Reference # 520CS01	Sources vary. See Lab Test Catalog.	

