

# **Laboratory Microbiology Specimen Collection**

For question please call the laboratory at (970) 644-3275.

#### Versatrek Bottles



- Use for blood cultures or fluid cultures (synovial, vitreous etc)
- Minimum volume on adult bottles 3 ml (optimal 8-10ml) Do not overfill
- Minimum volume on pedi bottles 0.5 ml (optimal 1-3ml)
- **DO NOT REFRIGERATE**. Bring to lab immediately

### Sterile Cup/Container



- Urine Culture (refrigerate after collection)
- Sputum Culture
- · Cath Tip Culture
- Skin scrapings/Nail clippings for KOH or Fungal Culture
- Stool WBC
- Rotavirus (refrigerate after collection)
- · Tissue Culture
- GC/Chlamydia (urines only)
- · C. difficile

#### Flocked Dacron Swab



Nasopharyngeal swab for Influenza or RSV (prefer Nasal Wash)

#### Dacron or Rayon Swab



- · Rapid strep testing
- Strep Confirm (Rapid strep was negative)
- Strep Culture
- RSV Nasal swab (Nasal Wash is preferred)
- Influenza Nasal Swab or Throat swab (Nasal Wash is preferred)

#### Calcium Alginate Wire Shaft Swab

• Use only for Diptheria cultures – all other cultures need a dacron or rayon swab

#### Viral Transport Media



### Containing 1 regular swab

## Refrigerate immediately after collection

- HSV (Herpes Simplex Virus) Culture
- Viral Culture (any type)
- · Chlamydia Culture
- Influenza PCR
- Respiratory Viral Panel
- COVID-19 PCR

#### Culturette (red top) & Eswab



- Rapid Strep Testing (culturette only)
- Strep Confirm (rapid strep was negative, Eswab preferred)
- · Ear culture
- Eye culture
- Candida Albicans Screen
- GC only Culture
- Genital Culture
- Sinus Culture
- Strep Culture
- Strep Group B Culture (vaginal)
- Throat Culture
- Wound Culture, Anaerobic, Aerobic

## Chlamydia / GC Media



## Refrigerate immediately after collection

- Non-genital Chlamydia/GC PCR Testing (Swabs Only)
- · For throat, rectum and eyes
- Obtain proper kit from lab at collection



# Refrigerate immediately after collection

- · Chlamydia/GC PCR Testing
- Genital Testing Females Only
- Submit only collection swab, break off at Line



## Refrigerate immediately after collection

- · Chlamydia/GC PCR Testing
- Urine (Random Samples)
- Male or female

### Ova and Parasite (Parasep® SP) Vial (O&P)

#### Green lid w/ scoop assembly



- Ova and Parasite testing (O&P)
- Stool must be placed in Parasep® vial immediately following collection
- Follow package insert for specimen collection

### Parapak C & S

#### Orange lid w/ red fluid



- · Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel
- Stool must be placed in transport media immediately following collection
- Fill to line Do Not Overfill