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Candida auris Surveillance Testing: Patient Swab Collection Guide
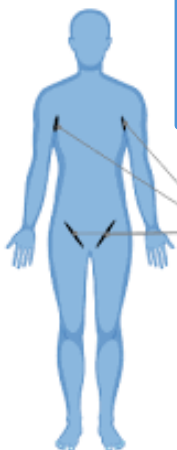
Specimen Collection with eSwab

1. Put on gloves
2. Open the peel pouch.
3. Leave swab tip enclosed in the package to prevent contamination.
4. Carefully remove the tube and label with two patient identifiers.
5. Remove the swab – to prevent contamination, avoid touching the shaft above the pink molded breakpoint.
6. **Use the same swab to collect the specimen** (**see below**).
7. Remove the cap from the tube and insert the swab all the way to the bottom.
8. Holding the swab close to the rim of the tube, break the shaft at the pink breakpoint line while keeping the tube away from your face.
9. Screw on the cap tightly to prevent leaking.
10. Dispose of the remainder of the shaft.
11. Place tube in a specimen biohazard bag and place requisition in the side pouch.
12. Transport to the lab promptly at room temperature.

Candida auris surveillance testing collection method
One swab, four locations (right and left axillae & groin)

> **Swab axillae:** Firmly swipe back and forth 5 times over left, then right axilla, where the arm meets the body.
> **Swab groin:** With the same swab used on the axilla, firmly swipe back and forth 5 times per groin, along the crease where the leg meets the pelvic region.

Swab right and left axillae & groin with a single swab