

GUIDE TO CHOOSING A TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR SPECIMEN COLLECTION

AEROBIC & ANAEROBIC SWABS (COPAN red top) (Tissue / fluid collection preferred over swab)  (MDS)*	BODY FLUID (Port-A -Cul Vials)  (Lab)*	MINITIP SWAB (BBL CULTURE SWAB green top)  (Lab)*	GENPROBE Aptima Transport (unisex swab & urine transport)  (Lab)*	M5 VIRAL TRANSPORT MEDIA  (Lab)*	M5 VIRAL TRANSPORT MEDIA (Lab)*
<p>USED FOR OBTAINING SPECIMENS FOR CULTURE &amp; PCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Wounds: Aerobic superficial source</li><li>❑ Wounds: AER &amp; ANA deep source; tissue/fluid submission optimal source</li><li>❑ Genital: Routine culture or Group B Strep Screen</li><li>❑ Gonorrhoeae culture from genital, rectal, or throat</li><li>❑ Group A Strep: Culture/Rapid Strep Test</li><li>❑ MRSA PCR screen</li><li>❑ GBS PCR screen</li><li>❑ Trichomonas Wet Prep</li><li>❑ Yeast culture</li><li>❑ Herpes culture (sent out) - Refrigerate Specimen</li><li>❑ VRE Screen (rectal)</li></ul> 	<p>USED FOR FLUID SPECIMENS FOR AEROBIC AND ANAEROBIC CULTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ For inpatients only: Capped syringe of fluid (needle removed) are also accepted.</li></ul> 	<p>USED FOR OBTAINING SPECIMENS FOR CULTURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Eyes</li><li>❑ Ears (otitis media)</li><li>❑ Any pediatric specimen that requires a smaller swab</li><li>❑ Male Genital Culture</li><li>❑ Male Trich prep</li><li>❑ MRSA culture nares source (NICU patients only)</li></ul> <p>Note: There is only 1 swab in this sheath. Submit 2 separate swabs if Gram stain is ordered along with culture.</p> 	<p>USED FOR VAGINAL, PENILE, CERVICAL, TESTING OF GONORRHOEAE AND CHLAMYDIA (DNA Probe Testing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Submit GenProbe Aptima unisex swab for detection of CT/NG (The white swab is the cleaning swab and the blue swab is the specimen collection swab)</li><li>❑ <u>Chlamydia trachomatis</u> in the eye, oral/throat, rectal/anal also requires the GenProbe Aptima unisex swab (sent out)</li></ul> <p>STD testing can be performed off of Thin Prep Pap Vials.</p> <p>STD testing can be performed on first catch (Dirty) urine (20 – 30 mls). Must be received within 24 hours if in primary collection container.</p> 	<p>USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN AEROBIC SWAB FOR VIRAL CULTURE SPECIMEN</p> <p>Specifically for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i></li><li>❑ <i>Mycoplasma hominis</i></li><li>❑ <i>Ureaplasma urealyticum</i></li><li>❑ Viral Cultures (for swab or tissue, place in UTM M5)</li></ul> 	<p>USED FOR FLUAB (antigen) EIA AND FLU PCR TESTING for submission of nasopharyngeal swabs. Collection as soon as possible after symptom onset.</p> 