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**USED FOR OBTAINING SPECIMENS FOR CULTURE & PCR**
- Wounds: Aerobic superficial source
- Wounds: Aer & Ana deep source; tissue/liquid submission optimal source
- Genital: Routine culture or Group B Strep Screen
- Gonorrhoea culture from genital, rectal, or throat
- Group A Strep: Culture/Rapid Strep Test
- MRSA PCR screen
- GBS PCR screen
- Trichomonas Wet Prep
- Yeast culture
- Herpes culture (sent out) - Refrigerate Specimen
- VRE Screen (rectal)

**USED FOR FLUID SPECIMENS FOR AEROBIC AND ANAEROBIC CULTURE**
- For inpatients only: Capped syringe of fluid (needle removed) are also accepted.

**USED FOR OBTAINING SPECIMENS FOR CULTURES**
- Eyes
- Ears (otitis media)
- Any pediatric specimen that requires a smaller swab
- Male Genital Culture
- Male Trich prep
- MRSA culture nares source (NICU patients only)

Note: There is only 1 swab in this sheath. Submit 2 separate swabs if Gram stain is ordered along with culture.

**USED FOR VAGINAL, PENILE, CERVICAL, TESTING OF GONORRHOEA AND CHLAMYDIA (DNA Probe Testing)**
- 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)
- *Chlamydia trachomatis* in the eye, oral/throat, rectal/anal also requires the GenProbe Aptima unisex swab (sent out)

STD testing can be performed off of Thin Prep Pap Vials.

STD testing can be performed on first catch (Dirty) urine (20 – 30 mls). Must be received within 24 hours if in primary collection container.

**USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN AEROBIC SWAB FOR VIRAL CULTURE SPECIMEN**
- Specifically for:
  - *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*
  - *Mycoplasma hominis*
  - *Ureaplasma urealyticum*
  - Viral Cultures (for swab or tissue, place in UTM M5)

**USED FOR FLUAB (antigen) EIA AND FLU PCR TESTING**
for submission of nasopharyngeal swabs. Collection as soon as possible after symptom onset.