**COLLECTION OF MICROBIOLOGY SPECIMENS FOR CULTURE**

**AEROBIC BACTERIA + GRAM STAIN**: Can be sent in sterile specimen containers (blue top specimen cup – Consult with General Store for Lawson No. /orange cap specimen cup – Lawson No.: 526792 ) or BD ESwab Liquid Amies

Collection and Transport System (Lawson No.: 449970).

Note: ESwab is the least favorable for specimen collection; collect tissue or fluid, if possible.

**ANAEROBIC BACTERIA + GRAM STAIN:** Must be placed in an Anaerobic Tissue Transport Surgery Pack (silver pack; Lawson No.: 421163) or BD ESwab Liquid Amies Collection and Transport System.

Note: ESwab is the least favorable for specimen collection; collect tissue or fluid, if possible.

**AEROBIC + ANAEROBIC BACTERIA + GRAM STAIN**: Anaerobic Tissue Transport Surgery Pack (silver pack) or BD ESwab Liquid Amies Collection and Transport System.

Note: ESwab is the least favorable for specimen collection; collect tissue or fluid, if possible.

**Tissue Specimen - AEROBIC BACTERIA + ANAEROBIC BACTERIA + GRAM STAIN**: Anaerobic Tissue Transport Surgery Pack (silver pack)

**Sterile Body Fluid Specimen - AEROBIC BACTERIA + ANAEROBIC BACTERIA + GRAM STAIN:**

Anaerobic/Aerobic Blood Culture Bottles (Lawson No.: 508587) (inoculate 3 – 10 mL per bottle, 8 – 10 mL optimal) and place aliquot (1 - 3 mL) in sterile specimen container (blue top specimen cup /orange cap specimen cup) (for Gram stain and culture to solid media).

BD BACTEC Blood Culture Collection Kit (adult aerobic/anaerobic bottles; Lawson No.: 502760).

**AFB (TB CULTURE) + DIRECT SPECIMEN EXAMINATION**: Sterile specimen container (blue top specimen cup /orange cap specimen cup).

Note: Direct specimen examination performed on all specimen types except CSF, bone marrow, blood, urine, stool and gastric aspirate.

**FUNGAL + DIRECT SPECIMEN EXAMINATION:** Must be placed in sterile specimen containers (blue top specimen cup /orange cap specimen cup). Note: Direct specimen examination performed on all specimen types except throat, urine, genital and sputum.

**VIRAL**: BD Universal Viral Transport Medium for Viruses, Chlamydiae, Mycoplasmas and Ureaplasmas.

BD Universal Viral Transport - Lawson No.: 373412

Copan Universal Transport Media System (UTM-RT) (Given out upon request from General Stores. Orders not put through Lawson)

MedSchenker Smart Transport Medium (Given out upon request from General Stores. Orders not put through Lawson)

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCE**: The Clinical Laboratories at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Test

Directory: <https://www.testmenu.com/nyphweillcornell>

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 \*Swabs: BD ESwab Liquid Amies Collection and Transport System; DO NOT use Cotton tipped applicators.

 Submit actual tissue biopsies and specimens collected from deep wounds; avoid using swabs.

 Suction socks/traps may be used; however, make sure that you are using the correct culture container for the specific cultures requested!