



A GUIDE TO SWABS

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GENERAL SWAB

1. Rapid Group Strep A (throat)
2. Culture MRSA (NOT PCR)
3. Culture Throat
4. Culture Group B Strep (C GBS)
5. Wet Prep (Vaginal Pathogens)

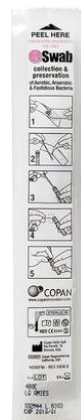


NOT ACCEPTABLE for the following **CULTURE** types: Wound, Anaerobic, or Genital

ESWAB IS FOR WOUND, ANAEROBIC/AEROBIC & GENITAL CULTURES

WHITE CAP, clear liquid

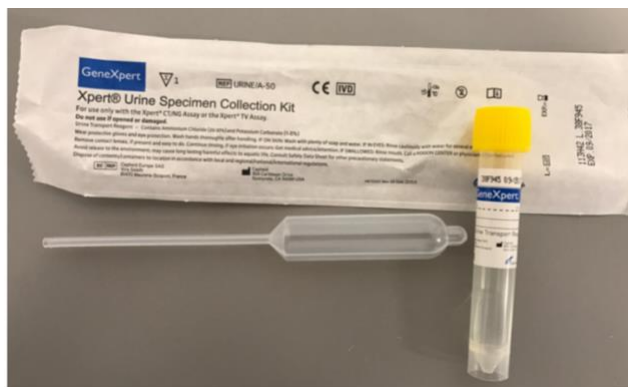
Note: Do not use swab for sterile body fluids and aspirates. Eswab also can be used for general aerobic cultures.



GeneXpert collection kit: Chlamydia/Gonorrhea, Endocervical or Vaginal

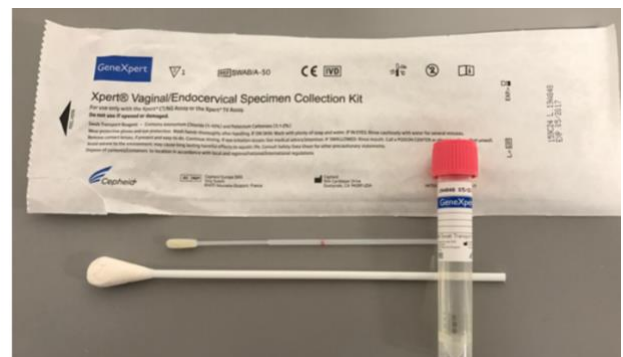
YELLOW CAP, clear liquid

Urine (yellow top tube, clear liquid) for males and females are also acceptable.



PINK CAP, clear liquid

For female collection only. Do NOT collect on males.





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VIRAL CULTURES, RSV, FLU A/B NAAT, RESPIRATORY VIRAL PLUS PCR

Universal transport media (**1 mL**), NP swab

- If ordering both tests (RSV & Flu), sample can be combined using the same 1 mL transport media.
- Used for collection of Respiratory PCR (NP swab only) sample can be combined with RSV or Flu A/B orders.

RED CAP, pink liquid, 1 mL



CMV, HSV, or VZV by PCR (and other – call lab)

Universal transport media (**3 mL**)

- If ordering HSV and VZV by PCR from same body site only one specimen is necessary
- Ordering other viral/intracellular tests?

RED CAP, pink liquid, 3 mL



Call the lab for further instructions.

CALL the Lab x1150 for the following swab

1. MRSA by PCR
2. Staph. Aureus complete by PCR
3. Group B Strep by PCR



Still not sure which swab to use?

Just call the Lab x1150! We are happy to answer your questions and can prevent you from having to recollect or from the specimen being rejected.