

Infectious Disease Laboratory Swab Collection Guide

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Swab Transport Container	Tests	Collection Information
eSwab 	• Cult. Bact Wound, Deep (LAB503) • Cult. Bact Wound Superficial (LAB6576) • Cult. Bact Selective (LAB234) • Cult. Bact Gonorrhea (LAB1382) • Cult. Bact Throat (LAB228) • Strep A PCR (LAB6457) • GBS RT PCR (LAB6355) • PCR Staph Nasal Colonization (LAB6192)	• Stability: Room temperature/ 48 hours • Not recommended for Fungal Culture • Not accepted for AFB Culture • Do not use for abscess, tissue or body fluid transport
Universal/Viral Transport Media 	• MIDL PCR RPP and SARS-CoV-2 (LAB6339) • MIDL PCR SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza A/B (LAB6330) • MIDL SARS-CoV-2, Influenza A/B and RSV (LAB6331) • MIDL PCR CMV QI (LAB1332) • MIDL PCR HSV 1/2 (LAB3072) • MIDL PCR Varicella Zoster Virus (LAB1372) • MIDL PCR Monkeypox (LAB6422)	• Stability: Room temperature/ 24 hours, refrigerated/3 days, frozen/30 days • Newborn CMV Saliva screening 1mL only • HSV 1/2, Varicella-Zoster, Monkeypox: For lesion sampling only
Cobas Swab 	• MIDL PCR Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhoeae (LAB1364)	• Stability: Room temperature/ 30 days • Sources: Endocervical, Vaginal, Rectal, Oropharyngeal
Aptima Swab (Multitest)	• MIDL Candida Vaginosis and Trichomonas Vaginalis (LAB6083)	• Stability: Room temperature/30 days • Source: Vaginal only

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	• MIDL Trichomonas Vaginalis Detection by PCR (LAB5930) • MIDL Bacterial Vaginosis (LAB6082) • MIDL Mycoplasma Genitalium (LAB6084)	• Not accepted for Endocervical
PreserveCyt (Thin Prep) Solution 	• HPV (High-risk) DNA (LAB3195) • MIDL PCR Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhoeae (LAB1364) • MIDL Trichomonas Vaginalis Detection by PCR (LAB5930)	• Obtain specimen in the same manner as standard cervical cytology collection (Pap smear) • Do not send with a swab or brush tip in the vial

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