















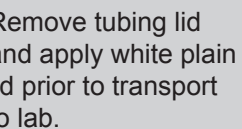



The Correct Swab/Container for the Job

Microbiology & Virology Laboratory

Sterile Container/ Sterile Syringe	Swab Culture (C&S)	Blood Culture	Trichomonas NAT Testing	GC(gonorrhea)/CT(chlamydia) NAT Testing			Viral NAT Testing		
<div></div> <div>CSF **</div> <div>BEST option for aerobic, anaerobic and fungal cultures:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sputum• Tissue/biopsies• Sterile body fluids (eg. CSF, pleural fluid)• Pus• Fluids from drains</div> <div>Unpreserved, direct specimen in sterile container.</div> <div>Acceptable for mould or mycobacterial culture.</div> <div>** Syringe: Remove needle and cap for transport.</div>	<div></div> <div>Thin wire</div> <div>Flocked eSwab</div> <div>Use when tissue or fluid cannot be obtained.</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throat culture• Ear culture• Eye culture• Wound culture</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• ARO screens (MRSA, VRE, CPO)• Group B Strep screen• Genital culture• Bacterial vaginosis and/or yeast culture</div> <div>Do NOT use for mould or mycobacterial culture.</div>	<div></div> <div>Collect 1 aerobic (green) and 1 anerobic (orange) bottle for each set and each venipuncture.</div> <div>Add 8-10 mL of blood to each bottle. Recommend 2 sets (4 bottles) within 24 hour period.</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vaginal</div> <div>Please submit a separate swab if also requesting GC/CT NAT Testing</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urine</div>	<div></div> <div>Urine:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient should not void for 1h prior to collection• Collect the “First Catch” urine, i.e. the first 20-30 mL of urine voided• Midstream urine specimens (i.e. urine C&S) are not suitable for STI testing</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Endocervix:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- White swab to remove excess mucous → discard, blue swab to collect specimen)• Urethra (blue swab)</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vaginal• Rectum [including testing for Lympho-granuloma venereum (LGV)]• Throat• Eye</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nasopharyngeal swab/wash• Small tissue/ biopsy pieces• Genital/skin lesion or vesicle• Use “flocked” swab</div>	<div></div> <div>**</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sterile body fluids• Large tissue/ biopsy pieces</div> <div>** Syringe: Remove needle and cap for transport.</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cerebral spinal fluid (CSF)</div>
		Molecular Infectious Diarrhea Panel (IDP) & C. difficile testing	Respiratory Suction	Urine Culture	Mycobacterial Blood Culture	Filamentous Fungi Blood Culture	Pediatric Blood Culture	Miscellaneous	
		<div></div> <div>Bacterial (including C. difficile), parasitic and viral targets.</div>	<div></div> <div>Tracheal and other respiratory specimens using suction.</div>	<div></div> <div>Sterile transfer →</div> <div>Boric Acid Tube: Sterile transfer to line.</div> <div>MIX WELL - DISSOLVE TABLET.</div>	<div></div> <div>Add 5 mL of blood.</div>	<div></div> <div>Add 5 mL of blood.</div>	<div></div> <div>Contact Microbiology Laboratory for blood cultures on infants and children <6 years.</div>	The following kits/swabs can be obtained from SPH Laboratory: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pinworm Paddle• Pertussis Transport Media• Scabies Collection Kit• Dimorphic Fungal Culture	
		Ova & Parasite (SAF Fixative) Container	<div></div> <div>Remove tubing lid and apply white plain lid prior to transport to lab.</div>						
		<div></div> <div>Worms or protozoa suspected, and Molecular IDP negative</div>							

PHC Specimen Job Aid - December 21, 2023