








Microbiology Collection Devices

	<p>Routine Culture Swabs <i>Red cap single or double swabs</i> <i>Amies or Stuarts</i></p> <p>These swabs are appropriate for non-liquid routine cultures. The brand name may be either Copan or BBL and the transport media either Amies or Stuarts. May look similar to PCR swabs below, but there is no notch on shaft so cannot be used for PCR testing. Store at room temperature. After use, insert swab back into plastic holder, break ampule, label and transport at room temperature.</p> <p><i>Use for routine aerobic cultures of throat, ear, skin, genital, strep screen, yeast and fungus cultures.</i></p>
	<p>PCR Swabs and/or Routine Culture Swabs <i>Red cap double swabs with notch (scoring) on shaft</i> <i>Stuarts media</i></p> <p>These swabs are appropriate for non-liquid routine cultures. The brand name is Copan and the transport media Stuarts. Store at room temperature. After use, insert swab back into plastic holder, break ampule, label and transport at room temperature.</p> <p>This is the ONLY swab approved for GeneXpert PCR testing in Microbiology.</p> <p><i>Use for routine aerobic cultures of throat, ear, skin, genital, strep screen, yeast and fungus cultures, and MRSA and GBS PCR testing.</i></p>
	<p>Wire Shaft Swab <i>Green cap single swabs</i></p> <p>These green-top swabs are used for culturing the nasopharynx. The brand name may be either Copan or BBL. Store at room temperature. After use, label and transport per test table guidelines.</p> <p>Use for B. pertussis DNA Probe PCR; also good for collection of specimens for urethra, nasopharynx, eye, etc. For Respiratory Panel PCR put swab in M4.</p>
	<p>Amies Charcoal Swab <i>Orange cap single swabs</i></p> <p>These orange-top swabs have a thin wire shaft and small swab for culturing the nasopharynx. The brand name may be either Copan or BBL. Store at room temperature. After use, label and transport at room temperature. NEVER REFRIGERATE.</p> <p><i>Use for Bordetella pertussis cultures ONLY. DO NOT USE FOR PERTUSSIS DNA (PCR).</i></p>

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	<p>Anaerobic Collection Transport Media <i>Port-A-Cul tube and sterile swab or similar brand</i></p> <p>When sterile swab is used to collect a specimen, plunge the inoculated swab into the solid media until the head of swab is completely covered, break off shaft. Place small pieces of tissue atop the transport media. Transport the Port-A-Cul tube at room temperature.</p> <p>Note: Specimens contaminated by normal flora are not acceptable for anaerobic culture (voided urine, skin lesions, sputum, etc.).</p> <p><i>Use for anaerobic/aerobic cultures. Swabs discouraged for anaerobe cultures, submit tissue/fluid.</i></p>
	<p>M4 RT Transport Media</p> <p>This product is a pink liquid medium in a conical centrifuge tube (red cap). Media is stored at room temperature. Submit at temperature per test table guidelines.</p> <p>Use with swab or aspirate fluid. NO WOODEN SHAFT SWABS. Break/cut off swab shaft into fluid.</p> <p>DO NOT use M4 RT to submit large volume (>0.5 mL) fluids. Use original container.</p> <p><i>Use for Herpes, Varicella, Chlamydia.</i></p> <p>Note: <u>Must</u> use original (blue top) M4 media for <i>Mycoplasma</i> and <i>Ureaplasma</i> cultures and <u>must</u> be refrigerated before and after collection.</p>
	<p>Pinworm Collector Swube™ Paddle</p> <p>Use this plastic paddle with sticky side to capture <i>Enterobius vermicularis</i> (pinworm) eggs for microscopic identification. Press the sticky side of the paddle against perianal folds, then replace in the transport tube with cap securely tightened. Store and transport at room temperature.</p> <p>Note: DO NOT insert paddle into anus, and DO NOT cover paddle with stool.</p>