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- The list of tests below is NOT complete. Use one of the search options listed in the *Laboratory Services Manual* under Test and Services Catalogue currently on [Saskatchewan Health Authority](http://Saskatchewan Health Authority website) website for further testing.
- Please refer to [Physician Office Laboratory Supply Order Form](#) or hospital Stockroom Catalogue if specimen container(s) are required.
- Contact Microbiology at (306)655-1790 for all Pages Amoeba Saline requests





Specimen Type	Test Ordered	Specimen Container	Container Use Instructions
Abscess Swab	C&S	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab 	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab. 2. Peel open sterile pack. 3. Remove plug/cap from tube. 4. Remove swab. 5. Collect specimen. 6. Insert swab into tube. 7. Push in plug. 8. Label tube with patient identification.
Body Fluid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sterile Aspirate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Intraocular ➢ Joint ➢ Pericardial ➢ Pleural ➢ Other • Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Abscess ➢ JP ➢ Pleural ➢ Other 	C&S Fungal Culture PCR TB PCP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleural fluid only 	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap  Or Sterile Black Screw Cap Round Bottom Tube 	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. 2. Aseptically unscrew lid from outer container. 3. Place specimen inside container ensuring NOT to overfill. 4. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. 5. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. 6. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. 7. Label container with patient identification. Sterile Black Screw Cap Round Bottom Tube <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. 2. See Urine (Neonate) for container use instructions.





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Bone	C&S Sterility	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap 	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. 2. Aseptically unscrew lid from outer container. 3. Place specimen inside container. 4. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. 5. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. 6. Tighten lid securely. 7. Label container with patient identification
Bone Marrow	C&S	BACTEC Peds Plus Culture Bottle 	BACTEC Peds Plus Culture Bottle 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired BACTEC culture bottle. 2. Remove plastic cap from top of bottle. 3. Disinfect top of bottle with alcohol swab. 4. Allow to dry. 5. Do NOT touch or otherwise contaminate the top of the bottle prior to collection. 6. Inject specimen into culture bottle. 7. Label with patient identification ensuring not cover bottle barcode.
	Fungal Culture	Dark Green (Sodium Heparin) 4.0 mL  AND TB/Fungal BACTEC Culture Bottle 	Dark Green (Sodium Heparin) 4.0 mL 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired vacutainer. 2. Disinfect top of vacutainer with alcohol swab. 3. Allow to dry. 4. Inject specimen into sterile tube. 5. Invert container five times to mix. 6. Label with patient identification. TB/Fungal BACTEC Culture Bottle 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired BACTEC culture bottle. 2. Remove plastic cap from top of bottle. 3. Disinfect top of bottle with alcohol swab. 4. Allow to dry. 5. Do NOT touch or otherwise contaminate the top of the bottle prior to collection. 6. Inject specimen into culture bottle. 7. Label with patient identification.




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Bone Marrow	PCR	Lavender (EDTA) 4.0 mL 	Lavender (EDTA) 4.0 mL 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired vacutainer. 2. Disinfect top of vacutainer with alcohol swab. 3. Allow to dry. 4. Inject specimen into sterile tube. 5. Invert container five times to mix. 6. Label with patient identification.
	TB/AFB	TB/Fungal BACTEC Culture Bottle 	TB/Fungal BACTEC Culture Bottle 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired BACTEC culture bottle. 2. See Bone Marrow (Fungal Culture) for container use instructions.
Bronchial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash Alveolar Lavage 	C&S Fungal Culture Galactomannan Ag PCP PCR TB	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap 	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. 2. See Body Fluid for container use instructions.
CSF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lumbar puncture Shunt Drainage 	C&S Cryptococcus Ag Fungal Culture PCR TB	Lumbar Puncture Tray  Or Sterile Black Screw Cap Round Bottom Tube	Lumbar Puncture Tray or Sterile Black Screw Cap Round Bottom Tube <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tubes provided in the lumbar puncture tray are pre-numbered one to four (1 to 4) indicating the order sample tubes are drawn during collection. IF sterile, black screw-cap tube is used, tube MUST be numbered with the order sample is drawn. 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired collection kit or container. 2. Refer to Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF) Collection Guidelines prior to collection. 3. Sequentially collect specimen into sterile tubes. 4. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. 5. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. 6. Label tubes with patient identification.



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CSF (continued)			
Dermatophytes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair • Nails • Skin 	Dermatophyte Culture	<p>Mycopak Collection Kit</p> 	<p>Mycopak Collection Kit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place specimen in center of the provided black paper. 2. Fold paper in thirds to enclose sample. 3. Place in provided plastic bag. 4. Place in provided envelope. 5. Label with patient identification.
Effluent/Peritoneal Dialysate Fluid	C&S	<p>Effluent Collection</p>  <p>AND if STAT Gram required Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap</p> 	<p>Effluent Collection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired BACTEC culture bottle. 2. Remove plastic cap from top of bottle. 3. Disinfect top of bottle with alcohol swab. 4. Allow to dry. 5. Do NOT touch or otherwise contaminate the top of the bottle prior to collection. 6. Inject specimen into culture bottle. 7. Label with patient identification. <p>Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap (if STAT Gram required)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. 2. See Body Fluid for container use instructions.




Specimen Type	Test Ordered	Specimen Container	Container Use Instructions
Eye <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conjunctival swab 	C&S <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (GC) culture	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab 	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab. See Abscess Swab for container use instructions.
	PCR (other than <i>Acanthamoeba</i>)	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped)  AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) 	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped) AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab or collection kit. Do NOT use if the colour of the medium (UTM-RT Mini) has changed from light orange/red. Collect specimen with Dacron swab (polyester-tipped). Aseptically unscrew cap from transport medium. Insert swab into UTM-RT Mini transport medium tube. Break swab shaft by bending it against the tube wall. (Swab MUST be present in transport media) Replace cap on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. Label container with patient identification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IF using patient demographic label, the size of the label must NOT exceed 2 5/8" x 1" or 6.7 cm x 2.5 cm. to ensure it does NOT overhang the bottom of tube. Label must be placed VERTICALLY on collection tube (do NOT wrap label around tube to create "flag").





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Eye <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact lens Contact lens solution 	<i>Acanthamoeba</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture & PCR 	Pages Amoeba Saline 	Pages Amoeba Saline <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attain SCH Eye Tray for required collection supplies or contact Microbiology at (306)655-1790 if supplies are unavailable. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired Pages Amoeba Saline. Aseptically unscrew lid from outer container. Place specimen inside container. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. Label container with patient identification.
	C&S	Sterile Black Screw Cap Round Bottom Tube 	Sterile Black Screw Cap Round Bottom Tube <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. Insert contact lens into tube with sterile technique. Add a few drops of sterile saline to keep contact lens moist.
Eye <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corneal scrapings/ulcer 	C&S <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (GC) culture	SCH Eye tray (picture not available)	SCH Eye tray <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attain SCH Eye Tray for required collection supplies or contact Microbiology at (306)655-1790 if supplies are unavailable. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired media.
	PCR (other than <i>Acanthamoeba</i>)	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped)  AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) 	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped) AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab or collection kit. Do NOT use if the colour of the medium (UTM-RT Mini) has changed from light orange/red. See Eye (Conjunctival swab) for container use instructions.






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	<p><i>Acanthamoeba</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Culture & PCR 	<p>Pages Amoeba Saline</p> 	<p>Pages Amoeba Saline</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attain SCH Eye Tray for required collection supplies or contact Microbiology at (306)655-1790 if supplies are unavailable. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired Pages Amoeba Saline. See Eye (Contact lens) for container use instructions.
Feces	<p>GI pathogen panel (PCR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bacterial Viral 	<p>Enteric Culture Transport Media</p> 	<p>Enteric Culture Transport Media or SAF Fixative for Ova and Parasites</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preservative in SAF is poisonous. Drink large amounts of milk or water and call Poison Control at 1-866-454-1212 if swallowed Hold lid and aseptically unscrew from outer container. While holding lid, use attached Spork to collect portion of feces especially any areas of the feces that contain blood or mucus. Use Spork to add feces to container until sample reaches "Fill line" ensuring NOT to overfill. Thoroughly mix feces into transport media with Spork ensuring to break up large pieces. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. Invert container three times to mix. Label container with patient identification.
	<p>GI pathogen panel (PCR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parasites <p>O&P exam</p>	<p>SAF Fixative for Ova and Parasites</p> 	
	<p><i>C. difficile</i> Smear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TB WBC 	<p>Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap</p> 	
<p>Foreign Body</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacing wires 	C&S	<p>Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap</p>	<p>Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container.





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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other 			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> See Bone for container use instructions.
Gastric Wash/Lavage	TB	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap 	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. Collect in early morning before food intake. Perform lavage. Place sample into sterile container ensuring NOT to overfill. Add a phosphate buffered saline tablet to neutralize the gastric acid in the specimen and maintain viability of Mycobacterium (Tablets are available from Microbiology Laboratory Front End at 655-1770) Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. Label container with patient identification.
Genital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cervix/Endocervix 	<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (GC) culture	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab 	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab. See Abscess Swab for container use instructions.




Specimen Type	Test Ordered	Specimen Container	Container Use Instructions
Genital (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cervix/ Endocervix 	<i>Chlamydia</i> PCR (NAAT) GC PCR (NAAT)	APTIMA Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit 	APTIMA Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired collection kit. Partially peel open swab package to remove swab. Do not touch or lay down swab prior to collection Refer to Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory (RRPL) Compendium of Tests for specimen collection. Aseptically unscrew the cap from the specimen transport tube. Immediately place collection swab into the transport tube ensuring the swab is visible. Carefully break swab shaft against the side of the tube at the scoreline. Discard top portion of the swab shaft; use care to avoid splashing of contents. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. Label container with patient identification
	Mycoplasma Ureaplasma	Mycoplasma Duo Transport Media 	Mycoplasma Duo Transport Media <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired transport media . Obtain epithelial cells by scraping mucosa with flocked swab. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: Flocked swabs are available in Copan ESwab Collection Kit Aseptically remove cap from container. Insert the swab into the media. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. Label container with patient identification.




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Genital (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cervix/ Endocervix 	PCR (other than <i>Chlamydia</i> or GC)	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped)  AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) 	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped) AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab or transport medium. Do NOT use if the colour of the medium (UTM-RT Mini) has changed from light orange/red. See Eye (Conjunctival swab) for container use instructions.
Genital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed prostatic secretions Seminal fluid 	C&S <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (GC) culture	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap 	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. See Body Fluid for container use instructions.



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Genital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labia 	PCR (other than <i>Chlamydia</i> or GC)	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped)  <p>AND</p> Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) 	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped) AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab or collection kit. Do NOT use if the colour of the medium (UTM-RT Mini) has changed from light orange/red. See Eye (Conjunctival swab) for container use instructions.
Genital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penis 	C&S (other than GC culture)	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab 	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab. See Abscess Swab for container use instructions.
Genital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urethra (Male & Female unless otherwise indicated) 	<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> (GC) culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Male only 	Starplex Fine Tip Wire Swab in Amies Charcoal 	Starplex Fine Tip Wire Swab in Amies Charcoal <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab. Peel open sterile pack. Remove plug/cap from tube. Remove swab. Collect specimen. Insert swab into tube. Push in plug. Label tube with patient identification.






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Genital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urethra (Male & Female unless otherwise indicated) 	<i>Chlamydia</i> PCR (NAAT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Male only GC PCR (NAAT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Male only 	APTIMA Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit 	APTIMA Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired collection kit. See Genital Swab (Cervix/Endocervix) for container use instructions.
	Mycoplasma Ureaplasma	Mycoplasma Duo Transport Media 	Mycoplasma Duo Transport Media <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired transport media. See Genital Swab (Cervix/Endocervix) for container use instructions.
	PCR (other than <i>Chlamydia</i> or GC)	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped)  AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) 	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped) AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab or collection kit. Do NOT use if the colour of the medium (UTM-RT Mini) has changed from light orange/red. See Eye (Conjunctiva swab) for container use instructions.
Genital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaginal 	BV Smear Trichomonas C&S (> 14 y) Gram for Yeast (> 60 y)	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab 	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab. See Abscess Swab for container use instructions.



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Genital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaginal 	<i>Chlamydia</i> PCR (NAAT) GC PCR (NAAT)	APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit 	APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired collection kit. 2. Partially peel open swab package to remove swab. 3. Do not touch or lay down swab prior to collection. 4. Refer to Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory (RRPL) Compendium of Tests for specimen collection. 5. Unscrew lid from the specimen transport tube. 6. Immediately place collection swab into the transport tube so the swab is visible. 7. Carefully break the swab shaft against the side of the tube at the scoreline. 8. Discard top portion of the swab shaft; use care to avoid splashing of contents. 9. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. 10. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. 11. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. 12. Label container with patient identification.
	Mycoplasma Ureaplasma	Mycoplasma Duo Transport Media 	Mycoplasma Duo Transport Media <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired transport media. 2. See Genital Swab (Cervix/Endocervix) for container use instructions.
	PCR (other than <i>Chlamydia</i> or GC)	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped)  AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) 	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped) AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab or collection kit. Do NOT use if the colour of the medium (UTM-RT Mini) has changed from light orange/red. 2. See Eye (Conjunctival swab) for container use instructions.





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Genital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaginal/ Rectal Surveillance 	GBS Screen	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab 	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab. See Abscess Swab for container use instructions.
Nasopharyngeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swab 	PCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chlamydia Mycoplasma Pertussis Viral 	Copan Universal Transport Medium (UTM) Kit (Red top) 	Copan Universal Transport Medium (UTM) Kit (Red top) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired collection kit. Collect specimen with flocked swab (included in kit). Aseptically remove lid from tube. Insert swab into the tube with UTM-RT media. Break swab shaft by bending it against the tube wall. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. Label container with patient identification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IF using patient demographic label, the size of the label must NOT exceed 2 5/8" x 1" or 6.7 cm x 2.5 cm to ensure it does NOT overhang the bottom of tube. Label must be placed VERTICALLY on collection tube (do NOT wrap label around tube to create "flag")
Nasopharyngeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washing Aspirate 	PCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chlamydia Mycoplasma Pertussis Viral 	Clear Specimen Trap with White Plain Screw Cap Lid 	Clear Specimen Trap with White Plain Screw Cap Lid <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. Attach tubing to suction pump or device. Collect specimen. Remove tubing from suction pump or device. Remove the tubed lid. Replace with transport lid (white lid included in kit) ensuring lid is on straight. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. Label container with patient identification.



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Parasites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other than feces 	O&P <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liver aspirate Hydatid cyst fluid Para ID <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lice Tick Worm <i>other than</i> pinworm Other 	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap 	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. See Bone for container use instructions. Do NOT overfill if sending a liquid specimen.
Pinworm	Pinworm	Pinworm Collector 	Pinworm Collector <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. Holding lid, remove paddle from container (Do NOT touch paddle). Collect specimen on sticky side of the paddle. Return paddle to outer container ensuring lid is on straight. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. Tighten lid securely. Label container with patient identification. Place container in a Ziploc bag and seal.
Rectal	<i>Chlamydia</i> PCR (NAAT) GC PCR (NAAT)	APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit 	APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired collection kit. See Genital Swab (Vaginal) for container use instructions.




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Sputum	C&S Fungal Culture PCP PCR TB	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap 	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired containers. 2. See Body Fluid for container use instructions.
Surveillance Swab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESBL • MRSA • VRE 	ARO Screen	Copan ESwab Collection Kit (White top) 	Copan ESwab Collection Kit (White top) 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired collection kit. 2. Open ESwab sample collection kit and remove swab and transport medium. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not touch swab or swab shaft below the red breaking mark 3. Collect sample from patient with supplied ESwab. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not pre-moisten ESwab in liquid transport medium or use liquid transport medium for rinsing/irrigating sample site prior to collection 4. Unscrew and remove lid from ESwab tube making sure not to spill the transport medium. 5. Insert swab into tube until the red marked breaking point is at the level of the tube opening. 6. Bend and break the swab at red marked breaking point holding the tube away from your face. 7. Ensure swab is immersed into the 1.0 mL transport medium in container. 8. Discard the broken handle part of swab shaft into an approved discard container. 9. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. 10. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. 11. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. 12. Label container with patient identification. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IF using patient demographic label, the size of the label must NOT exceed 2 5/8" x 1" or 6.7 cm x 2.5 cm. to ensure it does NOT overhang the bottom of tube. • Label must be placed VERTICALLY on collection tube (do NOT wrap label around tube to create "flag")

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Throat	Group A Strep culture <i>C. diphtheriae</i> <i>H. influenzae</i> Yeast	Copan ESwab Collection Kit (White top) 	Copan ESwab Collection Kit (White top) 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired collection kit. 2. See Surveillance Swab for container use instructions.
	<i>Chlamydia</i> PCR (NAAT) GC PCR (NAAT)	APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit 	APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired collection kit. 2. Refer to Genital Swab (Vaginal) for container use instructions.
	C&S <ul style="list-style-type: none">CF patients only	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab 	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab. 2. See Abscess Swab for container use instructions.
	PCR (other than <i>Chlamydia</i> or GC)	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped)  AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) 	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped) AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab or collection kit. Do NOT use if the colour of the medium (UTM-RT Mini) has changed from light orange/red. 2. See Eye (Conjunctival swab) for container use instructions.

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Tissue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autopsy • Biopsy • Surgical 	C&S Fungal Culture PCP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lung tissue only PCR TB Yeast	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap 	Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. 2. Aseptically unscrew lid from outer container. 3. Place specimen inside container. 4. Add one to three (1 to 3) mL of sterile saline to keep specimen moist in transport when submitting a small amount of tissue, 5. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. 6. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. 7. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. 8. Label container with patient identification.
Tissue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biopsy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Gastric ➢ Duodenum 	<i>H. pylori</i>	CLOtest Rapid Urease Test 	CLOtest Rapid Urease Test <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. Do NOT use the product if gel is not yellow. Do NOT use if seal is damaged and gel appears dehydrated. 2. Obtain biopsy. 3. Lift the label back far enough to expose the yellow gel. 4. Push the entire sample beneath the surface of the gel with a clean applicator device (e.g. toothpick) to expose as much of the specimen to the gel as possible. 5. Re-seal the pressure sensitive label. 6. Label container with patient identification. 7. Record date and time the biopsy sample was inserted.

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Tracheal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspirates Secretions 	C&S Fungal Culture PCP PCR TB Ureaplasma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infants only 	Clear Specimen Trap with White Plain Screw Cap Lid 	Clear Specimen Trap with White Plain Screw Cap Lid <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. See Nasopharyngeal (Aspirates/Washing) for container use instructions.
Upper Respiratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ear Mouth/Gums/ Tongue Nose 	C&S Yeast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mouth/Gums/ Tongue only 	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab 	Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab. See Abscess Swab for container use instructions.
	PCR	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped)  AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) 	Dacron Swab (Polyester Tipped) AND Copan UTM-RT Mini Transport Medium (Red top) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab or collection kit. Do NOT use if the colour of the medium (UTM-RT Mini) has changed from light orange/red. See Eye (Conjunctiva swab) for container use instructions.

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<p>Urine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bagged • Catheter • Clean catch • Cystoscopy • Midstream • Nephrostomy • Suprapubic bladder aspirate • Surgically collected • Ureterostomy • Urostomy • Voided 	<p>C&S Yeast</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Greater than 3 mL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BD Vacutainer Urine C&S Preservative Tube (Gray top) Kit</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Less than 3 mL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap</p> 	<p>BD Vacutainer Urine C&S Preservative Tube (Gray top) Kit (Note: Urine volume collected = Three (3) mL or more)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired kit. 2. Immediately inoculate urine to preservative tube after urine has been collected into a sterile wide mouth container. 3. Submerge tip of transfer straw into specimen. 4. Push Urine C&S Preservative Tube (gray top) into the transfer straw all the way. 5. Hold in position until flow stops. 6. Remove tube, leaving transfer straw in specimen container. 7. Ensure specimen has been filled to the MIN Fill line (3 mL) on gray tube. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. IF specimen does NOT reach MIN Fill line, repeat Step 2 with NEW Urine C&S Preservative Tube. 8. Shake tube vigorously to mix urine with preservative. 9. Label with patient identification. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. IF using patient demographic label, the size of the label must NOT exceed 2 5/8" x 1" or 6.7 cm x 2.5 cm to ensure it does NOT overhang the bottom of collection tube. b. Label must be placed VERTICALLY on collection tube (do NOT wrap label around tube to create "flag"). 10. Dispose of transfer straw in sharps container. <p>Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap (Note: Urine volume collected = Less than three (3) mL)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired kit or container. 2. Collected urine into sterile, wide-mouth container. 3. Label with patient identification. 4. Specimen MUST be delivered to laboratory within two (2) hours of collection. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. IF greater than 2 hours, refrigerate at 2 to 8°C then transport specimen to laboratory on ice 5. All transported specimens must reach the laboratory within 24 hours.

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<p>Urine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catheter • Midstream • Voided • First Morning (TB only) 	<p><i>Chlamydia</i> PCR (NAAT) GC PCR (NAAT) PCR (other than <i>Chlamydia</i> or GC) Schistosoma TB</p>	<p>Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap</p> 	<p>Sterile Wide Mouth Screw-cap</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. 2. See Body Fluid for container use instructions.
<p>Urine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neonates 	<p>C&S PCR Yeast</p>	<p>Sterile Black Screw Cap Round Bottom Tube</p> 	<p>Sterile Black Screw-cap Round Bottom</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired container. 2. Collect specimen using aseptic technique. 3. Unscrew lid from tube to open. 4. Place specimen inside container ensuring not to overfill. 5. Replace lid on top of outer container ensuring lid is on straight. 6. Twist to thread lid evenly onto outer container. 7. Tighten lid securely to prevent leaking. 8. Label container with patient identification.
<p>Wound</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superficial skin • Renal catheter exit site • Other 	<p>C&S</p>	<p>Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab</p> 	<p>Sterile Transport Media Culture Swab</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check expiry date - Do NOT use expired culture swab. 2. See Abscess Swab for container use instructions.