



Microbiology Collection Guidelines

Note: The following collection guidelines are only for the tests listed below.

Microbiology testing requires the proper specimen collection and transport device with the following information:

- Must be labeled with two patient identifiers: Patient's full name (first & last) and date of birth
- Should include specimen source and/or body site
- Should state any antibiotics the patient is currently receiving

ESWAB™

Healthcare providers are encouraged to use the ESwab™ that best fits the specimen source and patient.

Culture, Aerobic (Surface Wound)	Culture, Strep A Screen
Culture, Anaerobic	Culture, Strep B Screen
Culture, Genital	Culture, Strep B Screen w/ Sensitivity
Culture, GC Screen	Culture, Throat
Culture, MRSA	Culture, Yeast Screen
Culture, MRSA w/ Sensitivity	Group A Strep Rapid, Reflex Culture
Culture, Nasal	Influenza A & B Antigen
Culture, Eye	COVID-19 PCR
Culture, Ear	



Recommended for nose, throat, female genital, and wounds.



Recommended for eye, ear, nasal passages, and urogenital tracts.



Recommended for nasopharynx and pediatric sample collection.

Urine Collection

Urinalysis (UA) Marble-Top tube



Urine Culture (UC) Gray Top



COBAS® PCR Urine Collection Kit

- Chlamydia
- Gonorrhea
- Trichomonas



Unisex collection kit. Replaces swab STD testing for males.

COBAS® PCR Media Dual Swab Kit

- Chlamydia, PCR (Vaginal, Endocervical, Throat, Rectal)
- Gonorrhea, PCR (Vaginal, Endocervical, Throat, Rectal)
- Trichomonas, PCR (Vaginal, Endocervical)



M4RT Viral Transport

<i>B. pertussis</i> PCR	Influenza A/B Antigen
Chlamydia Culture	Respiratory Pathogen Panel PCR
COVID-19/Influenza A/B by PCR	RSV Antigen
Herpes Simplex Virus Culture	



Must be stored refrigerated after collection.

SIMPLESWAB™ (APTIMA® MULTITEST ORANGE SWAB)

Bacterial Vaginosis, TMA (*Vaginal*)

Candida, TMA (*Vaginal*)

Chlamydia, TMA (*Vaginal*)

Gonorrhea, TMA (*Vaginal*)

HSV 1/2, PCR (*Separate swab of lesion required*)

Mycoplasma genitalium (Mgen), TMA (*Vaginal*)

Trichomonas, TMA (*Vaginal*)



Tissue / Sterile Collection Containers

Culture, Acid Fast

Culture, Fungus Non-Blood or Hair, Skin, Nails

Culture, Acid Fast and Smear

Culture, Tissue

Culture, Aerobic

Culture, Urine UA, CT, GC, TV

Culture, Body Fluid



BD Affirm™ VP III

Vaginal Pathogens DNA Panel

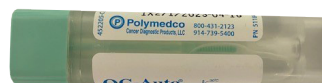
(*Candida*, *Gardnerella vaginalis* and *Trichomonas vaginalis*)



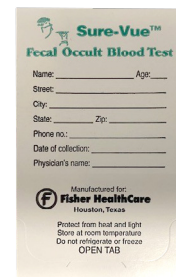
Occult Blood

Polymedco tube
(Fecal Immunochemical Test)

Sure-Vue (Guaic)



Preferred collection kit.



Ova and Parasites, Single Sample

Stool submitted in Formalin and PVA Fixative
(2 mL stool per vial to fill line)



Stool / Rectal Culture

Fresh stool in fecal transport vial (Cary-Blair Media)



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**Please transport all specimens to the laboratory within
24 hours to maintain specimen integrity.**

FOR ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT DEVICES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR SUPPLY DEPARTMENT:
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