



# 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)



## M6RT Viral Transport

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <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* (M. gen.), TMA (*Vaginal*)

*Trichomonas*, TMA (*Vaginal*)



## BD Affirm™ VP III

Vaginal Pathogens DNA Panel  
(*Candida*, *Gardnerella vaginalis* and *Trichomonas vaginalis*)



## Ova and Parasites, Single Sample

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



## 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

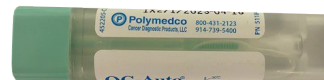
Culture, Body Fluid



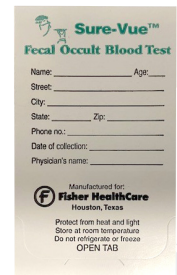
## Occult Blood

Polymedco tube  
(Fecal Immunochemical Test)

Sure-Vue (Guaiac)



Preferred collection kit.



## 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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