



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™

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

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| 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

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| B.pertussis 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 preferred*)
- Mycoplasma genitalium (Mgen), 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

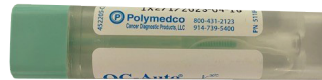
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| Culture, Acid Fast | Culture, Fungus Non-Blood or Hair, Skin, Nails |
| Culture, Acid Fast and Smear | Culture, Tissue |
| Culture, Aerobic | Culture, Urine UA, CT, GC, TV |
| Culture, Body Fluid | |



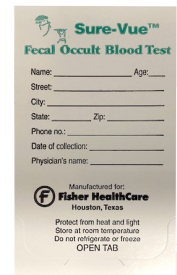
Occult Blood

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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