
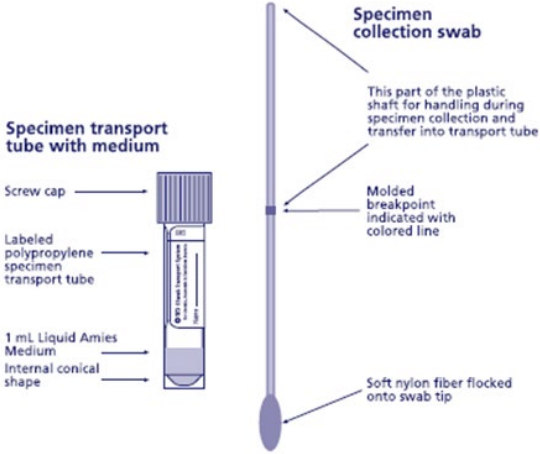




# Seattle Children's Laboratory - Photo Swab Guide

Swab	Tests
<p><b>For Sexual Assault Swab Guide</b>  <a href="#">See Link</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Photo Swab Guide - Sexual Assault</a></p> <p>Call Microbiology x72585 for Kits</p>
<p>Sample should be collected on the <b>ESwab Kit</b>. These swabs are acceptable for aerobic, anaerobic, and fastidious organism culture and gram stain.</p> <p><b>White cap ESwab</b>  <a href="#">MRSA Screen</a>  <a href="#">Wound Culture</a>  <a href="#">Ear Culture</a>  <a href="#">Eye Culture</a>  <a href="#">Strep Screen Culture (Throat and Rectal)</a>  <a href="#">Misc. Aerobic Culture</a>            Some <a href="#">Fungus cultures</a> – Check Lab Man  <a href="#">Mycobacterial Culture (AFB) Culture</a> - accepted only if sample cannot be collected in sterile container.</p> <p><b>Green cap ESwab minitip</b>  <a href="#">Sinus Culture</a>  <a href="#">Nose Culture</a></p>	<p><b>White cap ESwab Bacterial Culture Kit</b></p>  <p><b>Fig 2. BD ESwab Collection Kit Components</b></p>  <p><b>Green cap ESwab mini-tip</b></p> 
<p><b>Genital Culture</b> – Includes culture for GC as well as other genital pathogens and opportunists. The preferred test for diagnosis of GC is the CT/NG PCR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>If resistant GC is suspected culture is warranted.</b></li> <li>• For sexual assault evaluations it is necessary to also collect the appropriate APTIMA kit for CT/NG at the same time. Collect samples using the appropriate swabs. See <a href="#">Sexual Assault Swab Guide</a>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>White cap ESwab Bacterial Culture Kit</b></p>  <p><b>Seattle and Regional Clinics</b>  <b>Use ESwab; there is no need to collect a second swab for the gram stain.</b></p>

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**Genital Wet Mount** – Use the swab from the **ESwab kit** (see photo). A gram stain can be performed to rule out Polymorphonuclear Leukocytes, Yeast, and Clue cells. **Specimen must be examined within ONE hour of collection.**

**White cap ESwab Bacterial Culture Kit**



**Tissue Culture** – Tissue collected in a **sterile container** and body fluid collected in a **syringe** is preferred.

**Sterile Container for Tissue, Syringe for Body Fluid**



**White cap ESwab Bacterial Culture Kit**



**Regional Clinics**

**BD ESwab should be used for tissue if transport is greater than ONE hour.**

**ESwabs are acceptable for aerobic, anaerobic, and fastidious organism culture and gram stain.**

**Rapid Strep A PCR & Strep Screen Culture**

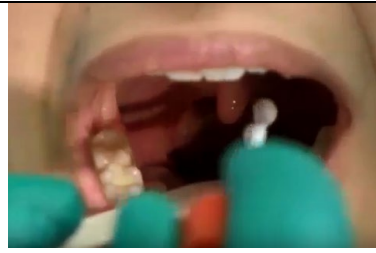
**Demand Flow Name:**  
**E-Swab Bact Cx Kit**

BBL Culture Swab EZII Double Swab System is not acceptable for the Rapid Strep A PCR test. Any throat specimen collected on any swab other than a white cap BD Eswab should be ordered for the Strep Screen Culture only.

**White cap ESwab Bacterial Culture Kit**



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OP swab collection video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyBJ0nv4oI>

**[Mycobacterial Culture \(AFB\)](#)** – Collect tissue, sputum, or other body fluid into **sterile leak proof specimen container**. Send adequate sample. Swabs are accepted only if sample cannot be collected into a sterile container.

## Sterile Container for AFB Cultures



**White cap ESwab Bacterial Culture Kit**  
if sample cannot be collected into a sterile container



**Viral and Bacterial Respiratory PCR Panels:**  
**[Rapid Respiratory SHORT Flu/RSV/COVID PCR Panel Qual](#)**  
**[Rapid Upper Respiratory Viral/Bacterial PCR Panel](#)**

**[COVID-19 Qualitative PCR](#)**  
**[Rapid COVID-19 PCR Qualitative](#)**

It is acceptable to have one swab placed in UTM for COVID-19 and respiratory virus testing (e.g., RapidShort, RpdUpperResp).

**Symptomatic patients** require mid-turbinate specimen collection or nasopharyngeal specimen collection. Swab both nostrils if possible. Place swab in UTM. Respirator/CAPR, gown and gloves required.

## Mid-turbinate Collection



## Nasopharyngeal Collection

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**COVID-19 screening specimens for asymptomatic patients** may be collected using the flocked tip of a mid-turbinate swab in the anterior nares. Swab both nostrils if possible. Place swab in UTM. Mask and gloves required.

**Nasopharyngeal swabs, Mid-turbinate swabs and UTM are available on Demand Flow or through Central Supply.**

- Swab (1)
- Tube of medium (1)



NP swab collection video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVJNWefmHjE>  
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**Herpes and Other Viral Cultures and PCR** (skin, lesion, or eye)

Sample should be collected using either the Respiratory Viral Kit.

OR

Collect using the swab only from the ESwab kit and place it in the red top Universal Transport Media (UTM). Do not use in the Eswab tube.



**CT PCR / GC PCR / CT GC PCR**

(Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhoea PCR)

- **Dirty catch urines are the required sample type.**
  - Collect urine sample (**non-bloody and bloody**) into a urine container
  - Send to Microbiology Lab for testing.
- For Vaginal, Endocervical, oral (throat), and rectal samples, collect using the Cepheid GeneXpert Xpert® Swab Specimen Collection Kit.
- Eye and urethral are not acceptable.
  - Collect samples using the APTIMA Multitest Swab.
  - Testing is performed at Mayo Clinic

**Urine Container for DIRTY CATCH urine**



Urine Container

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- If the Vaginal or Endocervical sample is **bloody**, collect sample using the APTIMA Vaginal Collection Kit.
  - Testing is performed at UWMC

APTIMA Vaginal/Endocervical Collection Kits are sent to UW for testing.

For SANE cases, follow the Sexual Assault Swab Guide found here:

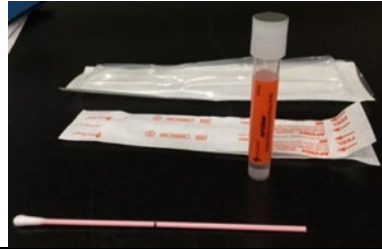
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## GeneXpert Xpert® Swab Specimen Collection Kit



## APTIMA Vaginal/Endocervical Collection Kit



## CF Throat Culture

Culture, CF Respiratory

## BBL Culture Swab EZ Single or Double Swab system

Preferred swab type.



## White cap ESwab Bacterial Culture Kit

Acceptable for culture, but not optimal.



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Where to Find the Swabs and Media:

What do you need?	Where do you find it?
Nasopharyngeal Swab	<i>Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply at x72036</i>
Mid-turbinate Swab (pediatric <2 and adult)	<i>Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply at x72036</i>
UTM - Viral Transport Media	<i>Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply at x72036</i>
Cepheid GeneXpert Xpert® Swab Specimen Collection Kit	<i>Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply at x72036</i>
APTIMA Vaginal/Endocervical Collection Kit (for <b>bloody specimens</b> )	<i>Seattle Lab (x72585)</i> <i>Bellevue Lab (x49166)</i> <i>South Lab (x58324)</i> <i>North Lab (x36350)</i>
BD Culture ESwab Collection System (White Cap)	<i>Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply at x72036</i>
BD Culture ESwab Mini-Tip Collection System (Green Cap)	<i>Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply at x72036</i>
BBL Culture Swab EZII	<i>Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply at x72036</i>
Sterile leak proof specimen container and syringe	<i>Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply at x72036</i>