
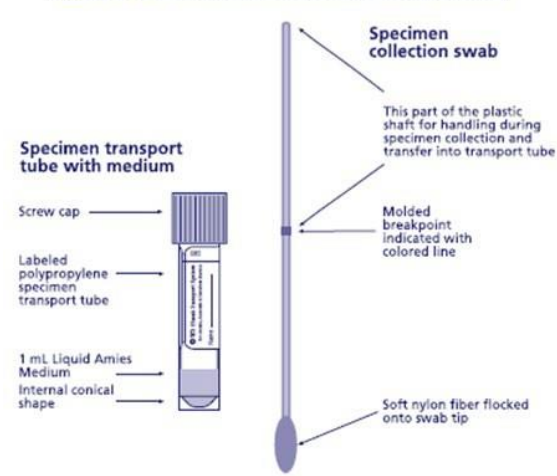




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Swab	Tests
<p><b>For Sexual Assault Swab Guide</b>  <a href="#">See Link</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Photo Swab Guide - Sexual Assault</a></p> <p>Call Microbiology x72585 for Kits</p>
<p>Sample should be collected on the <b>ESwab Kit</b>. These swabs are 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>White cap ESwab Bacterial Culture Kit</b></p>  <p><a href="#">Seattle and Regional Clinics</a>  <b>Use ESwab; there is no need to collect a second swab for the gram stain.</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>	

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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.

If a body fluid is collected in a syringe, do not add it to an Eswab tube. Securely cap and send the collection syringe to the Lab.

## 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.

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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.

If a body fluid is collected in a syringe, do not add it to an Eswab tube. Securely cap and send the collection syringe to the Lab.

## Sterile Container for AFB Cultures



## White cap ESwab Bacterial Culture Kit

if sample cannot be collected into a sterile container









**Herpes and Other Viral Cultures and PCR** (skin, lesion, or eye)

Sample should be collected using the Respiratory Viral Swab and UTM.

**Swabs and UTM are available on Demand Flow or through Central Supply.**



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<p><b>Viral and Bacterial Respiratory PCR Panels:</b>  <a href="#">Rapid Respiratory SHORT Flu/RSV/COVID PCR Panel Qual</a>  <a href="#">Rapid Upper Respiratory Viral/Bacterial PCR Panel</a></p> <p>Swab both nostrils if possible. Place swab in UTM.</p> <p>Mid- turbinate swab can be used to swab anterior nares.</p> <p>Swabs and UTM are available on Demand Flow or through Central Supply.</p> <p><a href="#">Viewing Job Aid: Definition of Aerosol-Generating Procedures, 12955</a></p>		<p><b>Anterior Nares Collection</b></p> 
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<p>Mid-turbinate collection site is <u>only validated for:</u>  <a href="#">Rapid Upper Respiratory Viral/Bacterial PCR Panel</a></p> <p>Swab both nostrils if possible. Place swab in UTM.</p> <p><a href="#">Viewing Job Aid: Definition of Aerosol-Generating Procedures, 12955</a></p>		<p><b>Mid-turbinate Collection</b></p> 

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## [CT PCR](#) / [GC PCR](#) / [CT GC PCR](#)

(Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria gonorrhea 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

- 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:**

[Photo Swab Guide - Sexual Assault](#)

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## GeneXpert Xpert® Swab Specimen Collection Kit



## APTIMA Vaginal/Endocervical Collection Kit



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**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>
Nasal Swab	<i>Demand Flow, if not call Central Supply at x72036</i>
Mid-turbinate Swab	<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) Bellevue Lab (x49166) South Lab (x58324) 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>