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STOOL

<p><u>ECO FIX O&P</u></p>	<p>Stool submitted in this green capped container is the required specimen for Ova and Parasite testing at Mayo Laboratories. <u>Specimens must be added to the indicated line.</u></p>	 A clear plastic vial with a green cap. The label reads "EcoFix® STOOL TRANSPORT VIAL 15 mL" and includes a biohazard symbol and a line indicating where to add the specimen.
<p><u>CULTURE AND SENSITIVITY STOOL TRANSPORT VIAL</u></p>	<p>Stool submitted in this orange capped container is the required specimen for Norovirus PCR testing at Mayo Laboratories. <u>Specimens must be added to the indicated line.</u></p>	 A clear plastic vial with an orange cap. The label reads "CULTURE AND SENSITIVITY STOOL TRANSPORT VIAL 15 mL" and includes a biohazard symbol and a line indicating where to add the specimen.
<p><u>10% FORMALIN STOOL TRANSPORT VIAL</u></p>	<p>Stool submitted in this pink capped container is the required specimen for Cryptosporidium testing at Mayo Laboratories and Giardia antigen testing. <u>Specimens must be added to the indicated line.</u></p>	 A clear plastic vial with a pink cap. The label reads "10% FORMALIN STOOL TRANSPORT VIAL 15 mL" and includes a biohazard symbol and a line indicating where to add the specimen.
<p><u>ENTERIC TRANSPORT MEDIA (ETM)</u></p>	<p>Stool submitted in this red capped vial can be used for the following tests: Stool Culture, C. difficile toxin A/B EIA, and the GI PCR Panel. <u>Specimens must be added to the indicated line.</u></p>	 A clear plastic vial with a red cap. The label reads "ETM® Enteric Transport Media" and includes a biohazard symbol and a line indicating where to add the specimen. The bottom of the label has "REF: 3003367 13 Feb 2024".




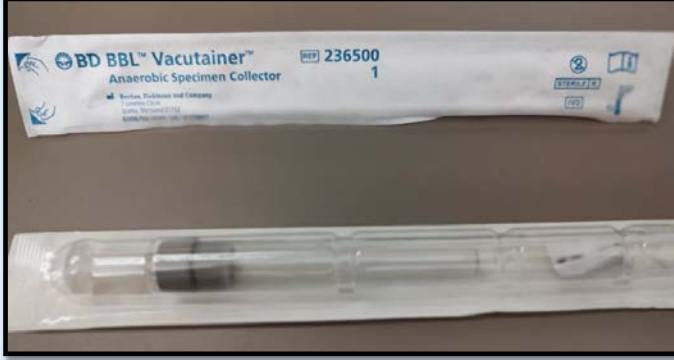
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<p>ANAEROBIC/AEROBIC SWAB WITH GEL</p>	<p>This swab can be used for both aerobic and anaerobic cultures (Surface wound cultures or Deep wound cultures). When submitted for a Deep Wound Culture, this is the only swab required. Do not collect/send an aerobic swab and this swab. This swab <u>CANNOT</u> be used for PCR testing or Rapid Strep Antigen testing.</p>	
<p>AEROBIC CULTURE COLLECTION KITS (CONTAINING TWO SWABS)</p>	<p>Either of these swabs are acceptable for collecting specimens for aerobic culture. Our standard swab has a red cap, but from time to time you may see the culturette with the yellow cap substituted. These swabs do not have a gel preservative, so they can be used for Nasal PCR testing and Skin and Soft tissue MRSA PCR testing. They are also the required swab for the rapid strep screens. They are not appropriate for anaerobic testing. Do not place tissue or fluid into the container. Tissues and fluids should be submitted in a sterile, screw cap container.</p>	
<p>AEROBIC CULTURE COLLECTION KITS (CONTAINING A SINGLE SWAB)</p>	<p>Either of these swabs are acceptable for collecting specimens for aerobic culture. Our standard swab has a red cap and two swabs, but when supply chain issues arise, one of these swabs substituted. Because these culturettes only contain one swab, rapid strep tests and any PCR tests will require two culturettes to be collected. These swabs do not have a gel preservative, so they can be used for Nasal PCR testing and Skin and Soft tissue MRSA PCR testing. They can also be used for rapid strep screens testing. They are not appropriate for anaerobic testing. Do not place tissue or fluid into the container. Tissues and fluids should be submitted in a sterile, screw cap container.</p>	

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<p><u>NASOPHARYNGEAL SWABS WITH GEL ADDITIVE</u></p>	<p>These swabs are suitable for aerobic and anaerobic testing of Sinus sources. Due to the gel additive, any specimens collected with these swabs will not be acceptable for molecular testing.</p>	
<p><u>MODIFIED AIMES SWAB WITH CHARCOAL</u></p>	<p>Required swab for Neisseria gonorrhoea Culture. These swabs are available on request.</p>	
<p><u>STERILE TUBE WITH A STERILE SWAB WITH A PLASTIC SHAFT</u></p>	<p>To be used to collect vaginal/cervical specimens for a wet mount. Specimens collected with a wooden shaft swab will be rejected. Specimens must arrive at the lab within one hour of collection. Specimens received within one to three hours of collection will have a disclaimer added to them indicating the possibility of erroneous results. Specimens submitted later than three hours after collection will be rejected.</p>	
<p><u>ANAEROBIC SWAB (VACUTAINER)</u></p>	<p>This swab is appropriate for culturing anaerobic organisms only. When submitting for a Deep Wound Culture, this swab must be accompanied by an aerobic swab.</p>	

***special request tube and typically for inpatient collections.*

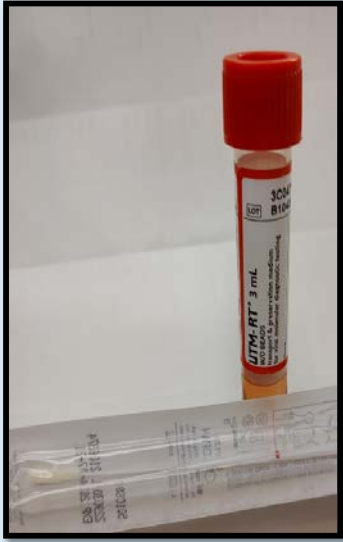
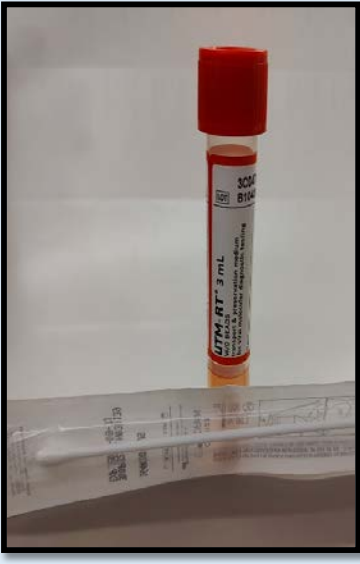
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HOLOGIC SWABS

<p><u>HOLOGIC DIRECT LOAD COVID TUBE</u></p>	<p>After collecting a nasal specimen with the Aptima Multitest Specimen Collection Swab, place the swab into the Hologic Direct Load COVID tube. This tube can only be used for SARS-CoV-2 testing on the Hologic instrument. No other tube is acceptable for Hologic SARS-CoV-2 testing.</p>	
<p><u>APTIMA MULTITEST SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION KIT</u></p>	<p>To be used for the following test on vaginal swab: NAAT Molecular testing for Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhea, Trichomonas vaginalis, NAAT Molecular Aptima Vaginitis Assay (Bacterial vaginosis, Candida species group, Candida glabrata, Trichomonas vaginalis)</p> <p>This swab is also FDA cleared for the following tests for throat and rectal sources: NAAT Molecular testing for Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhea</p>	
<p><u>APTIMA UNISEX SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION KIT</u></p>	<p>To be used for the following tests on endocervical or male urethral specimens: NAAT Molecular testing for Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhea, Trichomonas vaginalis,</p>	
<p><u>APTIMA URINE SPECIMEN COLLECTION KIT</u></p>	<p>To be used for the following tests on Female or Male Urine Specimens: NAAT Molecular testing for Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhea, Trichomonas vaginalis</p> <p>First morning urine "dirty catch" specimen preferred. Specimen must be added to the Urine Specimen Collection Kit within 24 hours of collection. Urine volume must be between the two black lines on the vial for proper dilution of sample in media.</p>	


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UTM SWABS

<p><u>UNIVERSAL TRANSPORT MEDIA (UTM) WITH NASOPHARYNGEAL SWAB</u></p>	<p>This swab/media combination is to be used for collection of nasopharyngeal specimens for the following molecular tests: Cepheid Four-Plex (SARS-CoV-2/FLU A and B/RSV), Hologic SARS-CoV-2 testing, Respiratory Viral Panel PCR testing, HSV 1&2 PCR testing, Bordetella PCR Assay (Bordetella pertussis/parapertussis), Influenzae A&B/RSV PCR testing</p>	
<p><u>UNIVERSAL TRANSPORT MEDIA (UTM) WITH NASAL SWAB</u></p>	<p>This swab/media combination is to be used for collection of nasal specimens for Cepheid Four-Plex (SARS-CoV-2/FLU A and B/RSV) and Hologic SARS-CoV-2 testing.</p>	

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SPECIAL BLOOD TUBES

<p><u>WAMPOLE ISOLATOR TUBE</u> <u>(SPS/ISOLATOR SYSTEM)</u></p>	<p>Traditionally used for Quantitative Blood Cultures. This media should also be used for Bone Marrow specimens submitted for culture. Bone marrow specimens submitted in the yellow isolator tube can also be sent to Mayo Laboratory for Mycobacteria and Nocardia Cultures.</p>	
<p><u>SODIUM HEPARIN TUBE</u></p>	<p>This tube is the required container type for Mycobacterial Blood Cultures on whole blood. Testing will be sent to Mayo Laboratories.</p>	