



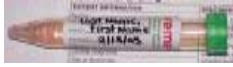









CENTRA CARE Laboratory Services

Microbiology Specimen Collection and Transport Devices

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Device Name	Description	Photo	Storage/Transport Temperature	Use For:
BBL Culture Swab	Red or White Cap		storage - room temp. transport - refrigerate	Use for bacterial, fungal, and TB cultures (ei. Wounds, genital/rectal, Group B Strep) Not for anaerobes. May be used for Mycoplasma and Ureaplasma culture, but M5 preferred.
BBL Culture Swab Mini-Tip	Green Cap		storage - room temp. transport - refrigerate	Ear, eye, if Neisseria gonorrhoea is not suspected. Nasopharyngeal, etc. (Samples where a small swab is needed for collection of bacterial cultures.)
StarSwab II	Orange Cap with Black Media		storage - room temp. transport - refrigerate room temp. preferred for GC, but not required.	Use for Bordetella PCR and Eye cultures if Neisseria gonorrhoea (GC) is suspected.
BBL Culture Swab Plus	Black Cap with Black Media			Use for Genital and eye GC Culture
Viral M5 Transport	Green capped tube with 3 cc reddish fluid generally used with a mini-tip swab		M5 Media - refrigerate	Use for viral cultures. Break or cut swab off in tube and screw cap on tightly. Do not use wooden shaft swabs.
Viral M5 Transport Media (tube) use with regular size swab	Green capped tube with 3 cc reddish fluid			Use for Chlamydia, Herpes 1 & 2 PCR, Mycoplasma, Ureaplasma and viral cultures. Break or cut swab off in tube and screw cap on tightly. Wooden shaft swabs and frozen viral cultures are unacceptable. Do not send Urine specimens in M5 Media - send in sterile container.
BBL Anaerobic Specimen Collector	Gray top tube with swab		transport - room temp.	Use for anaerobic cultures. Can also be used for aerobic cultures.
Sterile screw-top container	Sterile screw-top container		storage - room temp. transport - refrigerate	stool for C. difficile - specimen should form to the container to be appropriate for testing.
Para-Pak C&S	Orange Capped Vial		storage - room temp. transport - room temp.	Use for stool culture.
Para-Pak PVA and	Pink and Grey Capped Vials		storage - room temp. transport - room temp.	Use for O&P (pink and grey) and Giardia/Cryptosporidium (pink) screens.
ProbeTec ET Culturette Direct	Pink Cap		storage - room temp. transport - refrigerate	For ProbeTec amplified probe testing for Chlamydia/Neisseria from female endocervical specimens.
ProbeTec ET Mini-tip Culturette	Blue Cap			For ProbeTec amplified probe testing for Chlamydia/Neisseria from male urethral specimens.
Sterile screw-top container	Screw-top cap			For ProbeTec amplified probe testing for Chlamydia/Neisseria from 1st catch urine - label sample as first catch or dirty collection. (15-60 cc recommended)
NAT (Nucleic Acid Transport) CT/NG	NAT vial with Yellow/White label packaged with male/female swabs		storage - room temp. transport - refrigerate	For ProbeTec amplified probe testing for Chlamydia only from nongenital swab sources. (i.e eye, throat, etc.)
Urine Collection and Transport Kit	Vacutainer Grey Tube UC Vacutainer Yellow/Red Cap Tube UA		storage - room temp. transport - refrigerate	For on-site collection of urine for culture - label sample as "Cath", "Midstream" or "Clean Catch".