

Care New England Microbiology Department Routine Specimen Collection Devices



Routine Bacterial Culture (aerobic):

Specimen: swab- throat, superficial wound, etc.

BBL CultureSwab Collection & Transport System



Anaerobic Culture

Specimen: swab- tissues or deep wound

Copan Flocked Swab placed in **Anaerobic Transport Medium**

Note – Please submit body fluids in a sterile container (not inside of a swab)



Respiratory PCR Testing

Specimen: NP swab in Universal Transport Media

COVID, COV/FLUA&B/RSV, or RPP



MRSA or VRE DNA Screen

Specimen: Copan red capped double swab, nasal

Transport to lab immediately. If unable to transport immediately, refrigerate 2-8C until ready to transport (within 72 hours)



Vaginitis Screen (Affirm)

Candida, G. vaginalis, Trichomonas

Specimen: BD Affirm VPIII-Ambient Temp transport system

Transport to laboratory within 24-48 hours.

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Sources: Vaginal, Endocervical
Test Code: CT/GC Swab PCR
Test: Chlamydia trachomatis and/or Neisseria gonorrhoea by PCR method (female)
Device: Dual swab sample packet

Female genital specimens only



Please submit only one swab per test.

Sources: Throat, Rectal, or Male Urethral
Test Code: Miscellaneous
Test: Chlamydia trachomatis and/or Neisseria gonorrhea by PCR method
Device: Hologic Aptima Unisex Swab collection kit

Obtain kits from CNE Women and Infants Microbiology Dept Collect with blue swab. Do NOT puncture foil top. Do not use this system to collect female genital sources



Test Code: HPV DNA
Thinprep
Test: HPV (reflex from AS-CUS or baseline screen) and HPV type 16/18
 or
Test Code: CT/GC
PCR Thinprep
Device: PreservCyt Thin Prep Vial

Test Code: CT/GC Urine PCR
Test: Chlamydia trachomatis and/or Neisseria gonorrhoea by PCR method
Device: Sterile screw top urine container
Note - Send urine to laboratory as soon as possible (within 24 hours of collection).



Test: Herpes cultures, Chlamydia cultures for test of cure (TOC)
 Mycoplasma and Ureaplasma cultures
Device: M6RT Transport

Test Code: C Genital
Test: Genital culture
Device: Starswab II
 Green top swab with moistened Amie's sponge (routine swab)



Test Code: GBS
DNA
Test: GBS Genital Screen
Device: LIM broth
 (place rectovaginal swab into broth after collection)

Please refer to the Kent Laboratory Test Catalog for more information:
www.kentri.testcatalog.org

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