

<u>Test</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Swab to Use</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Anaerobic wounds	ALL	Blue gel swab	N/A
Bacterial Vaginosis	ALL	Red double swab	N/A
Candida auris screen	ALL	White "eSwab"	Red double swab
Chlamydia/Gonorrhea	OUTPT	Yellow cap cobas PCR tube	Urine (sterile cup)
COVID Antigen testing	ALL	Dry swab in transport tube	N/A
COVID PCR testing	ALL	Red capped Viral transport media	N/A
CRE screen	ALL	Blue gel swab	Red double swab
Ear or Eye	ALL	Blue gel swab	Red double swab
Flu antigen	ALL	Dry swab in transport tube	N/A
Flu PCR	ALL	Red capped Viral transport media	N/A
Genital	ALL	Blue gel swab	Red double swab
Group B Strep	ALL	Blue gel swab	Red double swab
Herpes	ALL	Purple capped viral transport media	N/A
Mouth	ALL	Blue gel swab	Red double swab
MRSA Screen by PCR	ALL	Red double swab	Green wire
Nasopharyngeal	ALL	Green wire	N/A
Nose	ALL	Red double swab	Green wire
Oral	ALL	Red double swab	Green wire
Pelvic Profiles	ER, OB, SATC	Red double swab + Pink Cepheid PCR tube	N/A
Rapid Strep A/Strep culture	ALL	Red double swab	Green wire
Respiratory Pathogen Panel	ALL	Red capped Viral transport media	N/A
RSV Angigen testing	ALL	Dry swab in transport tube	N/A
RSV PCR	ALL	Red capped Viral transport media	N/A
Throat	ALL	Red double swab	Green wire
Trichomonas antigen	ALL	Red double swab	N/A
Wet prep	ALL	Red double swab	N/A
Wounds	ALL	Blue gel swab	Red double swab

*Nose vs Nasopharyngeal: Nose is just inside the nostrils and nasopharyngeal is located all the way in the back to the end of the nasal passages where the nasal passages meet the throat.

**Genital culture and Pelvic Profile/PCR: Genital cultures are testing for bacteria which are best preserved in the blue capped swab with a gel. Pelvic profiles and PCR tests are testing for the antigens or DNA which the gel will render invalid.

Microbiology Non-Swab Container List

<u>Test</u>	<u>Container</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Acid Fast Blood Culture	Dark green sodium heparin tube (10mL)	N/A
Acid Fast Culture (Respiratory)	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup)	N/A
Blood Culture	Aerobic and Anaerobic (or pediatric) Blood culture bottles	N/A
Body fluid	Sterile, screw cap container	Syringe, NO needle
Bronchial Wash	Sterile, screw cap container	N/A
C. difficile (Antigen/toxin)	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup) **Stool must be added to vial within 2 hours of collection.**	Orange vial (red fluid)
C. difficile (PCR)	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup)	N/A
CSF culture	Sterile, cylindrical screw cap tube	Sterile cup
Fine Needle Aspirate	Tube with Sterile Saline	Sterile cup + saline
Fungal Blood Culture	Bact/Alert Blood Culture Bottle (NOT routine bottles)	N/A
Gastro Occult Blood (emesis)	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup)	N/A
Giardia/Cryptosporidium	Grey and Pink vial set (Para-Pak) **Stool must be added within 2 hours of collection.**	Sterile Cup
Fecal occult blood (ifob)	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup)	purple iFob tube
Legionella urinary antigen	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup) OR Grey top tube	Grey top tube
Meningitis/Encephalitis panel	Sterile, cylindrical screw cap tube	Sterile cup
Pinworm Exam	Pinworm paddle	CLEAR tape (no frost)
Pneumonia Panel (BAL, BW)	Sterile, screw cap container	N/A
Respiratory Culture (sputum)	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup)	N/A
Stool Culture	Orange vial with red liquid (Para-Pak) **Stool must be added within 2 hours of collection.**	Sterile cup
Stool for Ova and Parasite	Grey and Pink vial set (Para-Pak) **Stool must be added within 2 hours of collection.**	Sterile cup
Stool WBC's	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup) **Specimen must be in the lab within 2 hours of collection.**	O&P collection set
Strep pneumoniae urine antigen	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup)	Grey top tube
Strep pneumoniae CSF antigen	Sterile, cylindrical screw cap tube	N/A
Tissue/Biopsy	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup) + saline	N/A
Trichomonas/Mycoplasma PCR	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup)	N/A
Urine Culture	Sterile, screw cap container (urine cup)	Grey top tube