







Outpatient Swab Guide

Test	Swabs/Media	Collection Type	Performed
Rapid Group A Strep	Culture Swab (plastic)*	Throat Swab	Cornerstone
Influenza A&B	Flocked Swab in Sterile Saline*	Nasopharyngeal Swab	
	Sterile Saline	Nasopharyngeal Wash	
RSV	Flocked Swab	Nasopharyngeal Swab	Hospital
MRSA PCR	Culture Swab (plastic)	Nares	
Wound Culture	Culture Swab (plastic)	Superficial wounds (site varies)	
Chlamy/GC/Trich	BD UVE Collection Kit (Swab)	Genital Swab	
	BD UVE Collection Kit (Urine)	Urine	
Group B Strep Screen	Culture Swab (plastic)	Vaginal/Perirectal	
Pertussis PCR	Culture Swab (aluminum)	Nasopharyngeal Swab	Hospital (Send-Out)
	Sterile Saline	Nasopharyngeal Wash	

Culture Swab – Rayon tip with <u>plastic shaft</u> and liquid Stuart medium.	
Culture Swab – Rayon tip with <u>aluminum shaft</u> and liquid Stuart medium.	
BD UVE Collection Kit (Swab)	
BD UVE Collection Kit (Urine)	
Nylon Flocked Swab	
Sterile Saline	

*Swabs provided with kits that are acceptable for use with these specimen collections.

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NOTE: There are various companies that manufacture the same types of culture swabs. The swabs/transport container may look different than pictured above. When using another brand, always verify it is the same materials and media before collecting the specimen. More collection information is available on the hospital's test catalog website, yvm.testcatalog.org. Call the microbiology department at ext. 5352 if you have questions about specimen collection.