

Cultures and Swabs

St. Luke's Laboratory



AFB Cultures-swabs are not acceptable

Tissue, Fluid, Sputum
Sterile container also used for urine and stool tests



Vaginal Swab



Urine

Aptima® Tubes

Used for Gonorrhea/Chlamydia PCR testing
Vaginal , Throat, Rectal Swab in orange Aptima tube
Urine in yellow Aptima tube (if urine specimen cannot be transported to lab within 1 hour)



Sterile Transport Swab (Red)

Dual swab for skin and soft tissue
MRSA/MRSA PCR testing, and Strep B
PCR testing



BBL Culture Swab with Soft Aluminum Applicator

Nasopharyngeal collection
Bortetella pertussis PCR Testing,
Nose and Ear bacterial cultures



Collection and transport Swab- Modified Stewarts
Used for Wound cultures, MRSA Nares, In-patient Strep A screens, and clinic wet preps



UTM with Flexible Minitip

Used for Nasal pharyngeal collection of
Influenza A, B (screen or PCR); RSV;
Respiratory Panel, COVID19 PCR



Copan E-swab
Clinic Step A PCR testing



Sterile Saline with Dacron Swab
WET Prep/ KOH
Storage: Room Temperature or Refrigerated



Remel M4-RT Media + Dacron swab
Used for Non-Nasopharyngeal collection
of virus cultures and viral PCR testing
(Mycoplasma, Ureaplasma, HSV)