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Blood Cultures			Aptima Collection			Urine		Covid/Flu/RSV (4plex)	
Adults	Pediatric		Urine	Unisex Swab	Multitest Swab	Grey	Yellow	VTM	
									
5-10 mL per bottle	0.5-4mL per bottle		GC/Chlamydia*, Trichomonas*, Mycoplasma genitalium**	GC/Chlamydia*, Trichomonas*, Mycoplasma genitalium**	GC/Chlamydia*, Trichomonas*, Mycoplasma genitalium**, Vaginitis Panel*, Vaginal Panel**	Urine Culture, Legionella antigen, Strep pneumo antigen	Legionella antigen, Strep pneumo antigen	Can also be used for Rapid Respiratory Plus Panel (only when testing is indicated).	
For maximum test sensitivity, fill blood to marked fill line without going over.			Urine must be between the fill lines.						
Recommended protocol calls for 2 sets or bottles collected at different times and/or different sites.			Blue swab only. White swab is only for cleaning.						
Swabs			Stool			Pinworm		IFOB/FIT	
Double	Single	Mini-tip	Anaerobic	Ecofix	Para-Pak C&S	Cup	Paddle	Paddle	Hemosure
									
Wound, Throat, MRSA, Rapid Strep, Rapid Flu, HSV, VZV	GBS, Genital (can also be used if double swab is not available)	Sinus, Ear, Eye, Urethral, Nasopharyngeal, Rapid Covid, Rapid RSV (with or without VTM)	Anaerobic Culture (swabs only)	Full Ova and Parasite	Stool Culture, Cryptosporidium/Giardia, H. pylori PCR, Bacterial/Viral/Parasite PCR Panels	C. difficile, Fecal Lactoferrin, Rotavirus, Calprotectin, Pancreatic Elastase, (can also be used for sterile fluids, tissues, IUDs, cath tips, hardware etc.)	Scotch tape prep is also acceptable.		Please do not overfill.

Please see the laboratory test catalog for the most up-to-date information, additional test, stability, and collection details.

*For patients 14 years and older (refer to test catalog for alternate collection instructions on younger patients)

**For patients 15 years and older