

**Blood Cultures:**

For maximum test sensitivity, fill blood to marked fill line without going over.

Recommended protocol calls for 2 sets of bottles collected at different times and/or different sites.

# Microbiology Specimen Collection Guide

\* Please label specimens with patient's full name and date of birth at bedside.\*

\*\*\* Include date, time of collection and source on all specimens. \*\*\*

**CHECK EXPIRATION DATE OF ALL COLLECTION MATERIALS BEFORE USE!**

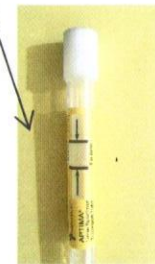
Use for Adult Patients (5-10m/bottle)



Pediatric or difficult draw (0.5-4mL/bottle)



**GC/CHL Urine:**  
Urine must be filled between the fill lines.



**GC/CHL Endocervical\* & Urethral**  
SUBMIT BLUE SWAB ONLY. White swab is for cleaning only. \*Endocervical can also be used for Trichomonas testing. \*\*Blue swab can also be used for eye, rectal, throat/oral testing.



**AFFIRM Vaginal DNA Probe for Yeast, Gard, Trich**



Squeeze and dispense preservative liquid from ampule into collection tube. Discard ampule.

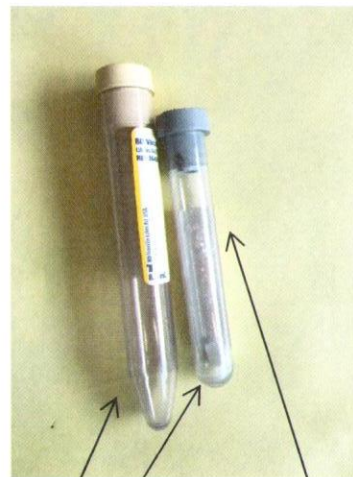
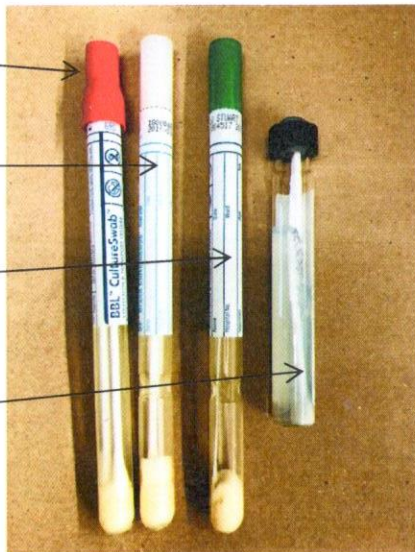
Double (RED) swab: throat, wound, flu, MRSA

Single (WHITE) swab: genital, and viral PCRs\*

Wire (GREEN) swab: sinus, ear, eye, urethral, pertussis

Anaerobic Culture

\*Please note that white swab can be used if no red available.



**Legionella & Strep pneumo antigen**  
Yellow or gray top urine tube.

**Urine C & S.**  
Gray top tube. Urine must be filled to minimum fill line.



**Pinworm paddle**  
\*Scotch tape prep is also acceptable.



**Stool collection kit:** Please collect stool vials AND plain cup when possible. Submit ALL containers.

**Stool culture and O&P:** Fill stool vials to the fill line without going over.

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