

SERVICE UPDATE



UnityPoint Health
Pekin

CAMPUS AFFECTED: PEKIN

AFFECTS PATIENT CARE

TEST NAME: **ALL MICROBIOLOGY SPECIMENS**

DATE OF CHANGE: **September 16, 2018**

Due to improved technology in Microbiology that is now being used at Unitypoint Health Methodist, Pekin Hospital Laboratory will send all Microbiology specimens to the Methodist Campus.

SPECIMEN CULTURE & GRAM STAIN TYPE:

Blood, Body Fluid, MRSA , Stool ,Tissue, Urine, Wound, Vaginitis Pathogen panel, *C. difficile* Testing, *Trichomonas* (Male and Female)

OTHER TESTING:

Wet Mounts will be discontinued. Order LAB6460 for Males- Urine
LAB2981 for Females- Affirm Swab Kit

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION:

Pekin Lab will continue to do STAT CSF gram stains and STAT Surgical Specimen gram stains.
Strep Screens, Influenza A & B and RSV Testing will continue on the Pekin Campus

It is important that our patient specimens for culture arrive in the laboratory prior to 19:00 to ensure better turnaround time for patient results.

We will be converting to plastic blood culture bottles, E-Swabs, and BD Affirm Swab collection for Vaginitis Panel. Please see the next page for collection devices.

Strep Screens need to be collected as a two swab collection: Single use Rayon swab for screening and E-Swab for culture if the screen is negative.

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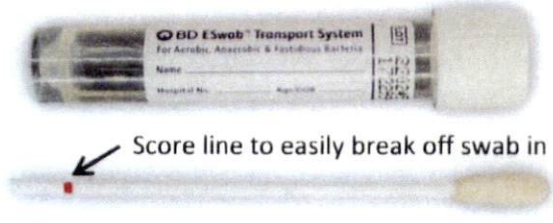
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Sterile Polyester Tipped Applicator

Rapid Strep testing only

Please Note: this is a one-time use swab. If confirmation Throat Culture is needed, additional collection of ESwab is required.



Score line to easily break off swab in

White Cap = Regular Tip

Blue Cap = Flexible Minitip

ESwab (Copan/Remel/BD ESwab brands accepted)

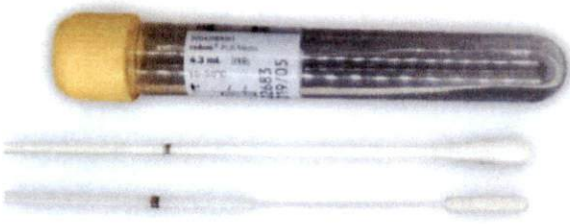
- Aerobic cultures
- Throat cultures
- MRSA screen
- Aerobic and anaerobic cultures
- Superficial or Deep wounds
- *Gonorrhea* Culture
- Strep Group B

Flexible Mini Tip is available with a Blue Cap.

Uses Include:

- Pediatric or small site areas
- RSV
- Nasopharyngeal Specimens
- Influenza Testing
- *Gonorrhea* Culture

Once specimen is collected, place swab in media, break off at score line and recap specimen. **Transport Room Temp**



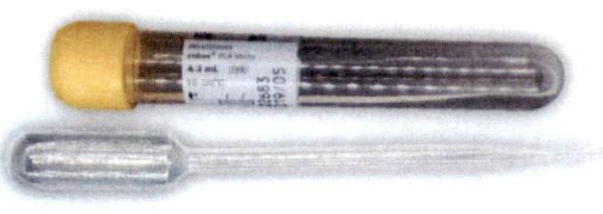
Vaginal Swab

Endocervical Swab

CT/NG PCR Media Swab Kit (Cobas) – Female Only

Tube Looks Similar to *Trichomonas* BUT IS NOT the same specimen

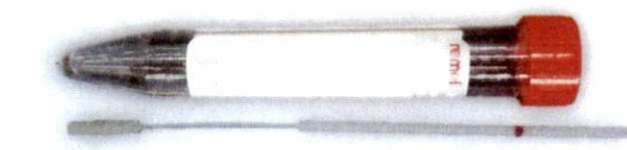
- Vaginal – use the woven vaginal swab, discard flock swab, Do Not Use Flock Swab for Vaginal Collection. Place Swab in Cobas PCR Media and send to lab.
- Endocervical – Use the woven swab to remove excess mucus and collect the specimen with the flocked Endocervical swab. Place Endocervical Swab in Cobas PCR Media and send to lab.
- Specimens submitted with 2 swabs or >10% bloody specimens will be rejected.



CT/NG PCR Media Urine Kit (Cobas) – Unisex/Male

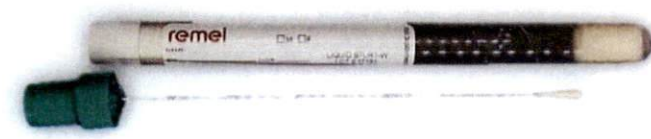
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- Urine must be pipetted between the fill lines.
- Can be used on male or female patient.
- Specimens submitted below/above the fill line or >10% bloody specimens will be rejected.



M6 Transport Media

- Herpes Cultures
- RSV and other viruses
- Mycoplasma



BBL Culture Swab – Liquid Stuart

- ONLY acceptable for *Bordetella pertussis*.