Swab Collection and Transport Devices

Prior to specimen collection, store all transport devices at room temperature unless otherwise indicated. Prior to use, inspect collection and transport materials for their expiration dates.

Swab or Double Swab in Amies Agar Gel
Use for aerobic and anaerobic bacterial culture and fungal culture. Use immediately after collection. For patients with suspected bacterial or fungal infection from urine. Use for speciation of yeast. Store at room temperature prior to use. Supply order numbers: 33297, 33298

Double Polyester Dry Swab
Use for Group A Strept Rapid Antigen Screen and Group A Strept Direct OnSite, Rapid Strep A Test. Use for routine bacterial culture. Transport at room temperature after collection. Supply order number: 52655, 48263

Swab in Liquid Stuart’s Medium
Use for special purposes or for diagnostic confirmation. Remove white cap from top of transport tube and discard. Holding swab by end with color capped, collect specimen from the site of interest. Insert swab (all attached to color capped swab firmly into the spong in the transport tube. Do not break or cut the swab. Transport at room temperature after collection. Supply order number: 33336

Nasopharyngeal Dry Flocked Swab
Use for viral culture (eg, influenza) or nucleic acid amplification (NAA) testing (eg, Epstein-Barr virus) of nasopharyngeal swab (not supplied by LabCorp). Use swabs in dry plastic transport tube and transport at room or refrigerated temperature. For detection of viruses and bacteria in nasopharyngeal specimens: Place swabs in Universal Transport Medium (UTM-RT) and transport at room temperature for 24 hours after collection or refrigerate. Supply order number: 32207

Soft Aluminum Wire Dry Minutip Swab
Use for bacterial culture of nasopharynx or for bacterial/viral culture of male urethra. Use swabs in dry plastic transport tube and transport at room or refrigerated temperature. For detection of viruses and bacteria in nasopharyngeal specimens: Place swabs in Universal Transport Medium (UTM-RT) and transport at room temperature for 24 hours after collection or refrigerate. Supply order number: 32207

Urine Culture Transport
Use for urine only. This prep-top-transport device will maintain bacterial colony counts during transport to the lab for a period of 96 hours. Fill tube to the minimum fill line (all 4 ml). Do not submit a yellow swab top because cultures have been collected from the tube for urine culture. Transport at room temperature after collection. Supply order number: 32207, 32242

Jembec Plate for GC Culture
Culture for Neisseria gonorrhoeae and/or Chlamydia trachomatis. Modified Thayer Martin agar used to improve detection of Chlamydia. Culture plates must be refrigerated and should be pre-inoculated. Use inoculation plate with swab containing collection swab over surface of medium. Remove the CO2 tablet from the foil pouch and place it on the plate, and seal inoculated plate in a zip-lock bag. Place the transport system in a cooler. Do not refrigerate after collection. Supply order number: 32397

QuantifERON®-TB Gold InTube (QFT) Kit
Assay for Tuberculosis Infection
The QuantifERON®-TB Gold InTube (QFT) kit is used to submit the specimens for interferon-gamma release assay for detection of tuberculosis infection. This QFT kit contains collection instructions and 3 unique blood collection tubes (red Control; green cap; 1 ABBT Antigen tube [red cap] and a Mitogen tube [red cap]). Collect 7mL into each tube of the 3 collection tubes and shake vigorously. Position tubes upright and seal with aluminum foil. Transport at room temperature (not higher than 30°C) in laboratory within 18 hours after collection, or, alternatively, Opti-Tube Optimum II STC for transport up to 24 hours or Optimum VT STC for transport up to 72 hours. Do not refrigerate. Store at room temperature prior to use. Supply order number: 67437

Sterile Container
For use of transport for specimens for those tests where a glass beaker is considered a medium for culture; for oral, nasal, nasal and oropharyngeal swabs; for fungal culture; for transport of specimens; and for urine culture. Use for proper transport temperature for a specific test request. Supply order number: 24905

Universal Transport Medium
Use for all bacterial and/or fungal blood or culture collection. For patients with suspected bacterial or fungal infection from blood (eg, suspected infected central venous catheter). Use for bacterial culture of blood. Use for viral culture (eg, influenza) or nucleic acid amplification (NAA) testing (eg, Epstein-Barr virus) of nasopharyngeal swab (not supplied by LabCorp). Use swabs in dry plastic transport tube and transport at room or refrigerated temperature. For detection of viruses and bacteria in nasopharyngeal specimens: Place swabs in Universal Transport Medium (UTM-RT) and transport at room temperature for 24 hours after collection or refrigerate. Supply order number: 32207

Use of Adili® or Pediatric Blood Collection Culture Kit for culture of blood, respiratory samples, and Urine. Additionally, UTM-RT can be used for transport of specimens for bacterial/viral culture of blood (eg, blood cultures for meningococcal or bloodstream infections). Use for bacterial culture of blood. Transport at room temperature after collection. Use swabs in dry plastic transport tube and transport at room or refrigerated temperature. For detection of viruses and bacteria in nasopharyngeal specimens: Place swabs in Universal Transport Medium (UTM-RT) and transport at room temperature for 24 hours after collection or refrigerate. Supply order number: 32207

Routine Blood Culture
Use an Adili® or Pediatric Blood Collection Culture Kit for culture of blood, respiratory samples, and Urine. Additionally, UTM-RT can be used for transport of specimens for bacterial/viral culture of blood (eg, blood cultures for meningococcal or bloodstream infections). Use for bacterial culture of blood. Use swabs in dry plastic transport tube and transport at room or refrigerated temperature. For detection of viruses and bacteria in nasopharyngeal specimens: Place swabs in UTM-RT and transport at room temperature for 24 hours after collection or refrigerate. Supply order number: 32207

Chlamydia Transport
The Inhuach® TV system is used to maintain the viability of vaginal samples during transport and to minimize intracellular disruption. Gently press swabs between each other and into the swab sheath. Roll down push 2-3 times, and fold and tube to lock transport. Transport at room temperature after collection. Supply order number: 83157

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) & NuSwab® Tests by Nucleic Acid Amplification
For detection of infections caused by Neisseria gonorrhoeae, Chlamydia trachomatis, Treponema pallidum, Mycoplasma genitalium, and Mycobacterium genitalium from vaginal fluid and urethral swab. Collect specimen using appropriate sampling swab, and then package in medium, breaking off tip of swab into transport medium. Place swab in dry plastic transport tube and transport at room temperature after collection. For detection of viruses and bacteria in nasopharyngeal specimens: Place swabs in UTM-RT and transport at room temperature for 24 hours after collection or refrigerate. Supply order number: 32207

Fecal Occult Blood by Immunassay (FOBT)
Submit stool or fecal samples for detection of occult blood by immunochromatographic method. Screen stool transmitted by mail. Use NuSwab® for stool samples with broken or grooved portion of probe is completely covered with stool. The flat side of the probe is inserted in personally into dry plastic transport tube and transport at room temperature after collection. Include test requisition with device when submitting specimen. Do not refrigerate. Supply order number: 44337

Stool Culture Transport
The orange NuSwab® Plus is a NuSwab and NuSwab® Plus No Additive Tube for stool culture. Transport at room temperature after collection. Supply order number: 32207

C&S/Vial
Supply Ordering Information
Item----------------------Resorder Number
AFITM® Urease Swab Transport, 50/bag 56228
AFITM® Urease Transport, 50/bag 33291
AFITM® Vial Transport, 50/bag 47274
Bactron Culture Collection Kit - 50/bag 50053
Blood Culture Pediatric Collection Kit - 50/bag 50054
Broth/UV culture collection tubes 20/box 96015
Chlamydia Transport Kit - 24/bag 22495
Dacal Sterile Blood Collection Tube - 50/bag 50053
Vacutainer® Plus No Additive Transport Tube 59317
C&S/Vial - 20/bag 55131

Bordetello Culture Transport
Chromogenic culture is used for transport of specimens for Bordetella culture. Store refrigerated before use. Allow specimens to reach ambient temperature before inoculation. Place vacuum urease swab into transport medium after collection. Additional volume of transport medium is obtained by breaking off swab into transport medium. Use transport medium at refrigerated temperature. Alternately, for specimens collected for UTM-RT (QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube Collection Kit), store a dry swabbed dried swabbed into dry plastic transport tube at room or refrigerated temperature. Supply order number: 31965

Vaginal/Vaginoscope by DNA Probe
Submit the BD UTM-RT for detection of vaginal Candida, Gardnerella, and BV swab to detect bacterial vaginosis (BV) swab. Break the ampules and dispense the ambient temperature transport medium into the vial after collection. Place vaginal swab into dry plastic transport tube and transport at room temperature after collection or refrigerate. Supply order number: 46127

Sterile Body Fluid Culture
Use the Vacutainer® Additive Tube for transport of sterile body fluid specimens (eg, serous ascites, pleural fluid). Use swabs in dry plastic transport tube and transport at room temperature after collection. Alternately, an empty sterile tube, swab, or swab and transport container. The NuSwab® blood culture can be used. A NuSwab red top tube is well accepted. Supply order number: 45470

Sampling Probe
Vacutainer® Plus No Additive Transport Tube 59317
Vacutainer® Plus No Additive Transport Tube 59317

Stool Transport Without Preservative
The orange NuSwab® Plus is a NuSwab and NuSwab® Plus No Additive Tube for stool samples with broken or grooved portion of probe is completely covered with stool. The flat side of the probe is inserted in personally into dry plastic transport tube and transport at room temperature after collection. Include test requisition with device when submitting specimen. Do not refrigerate. Supply order number: 32207

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