

# ESwab Conversion

## Effective January 12, 2026

**What:** Effective January 12, 2026, WDL will convert to ESwabs from the blue and/or red top culture swabs. The WDL Supply Department will no longer stock blue and red top swabs. **These swabs will not be rejected. Please use your current supply and all new orders will be transitioned to the new ESwab.**

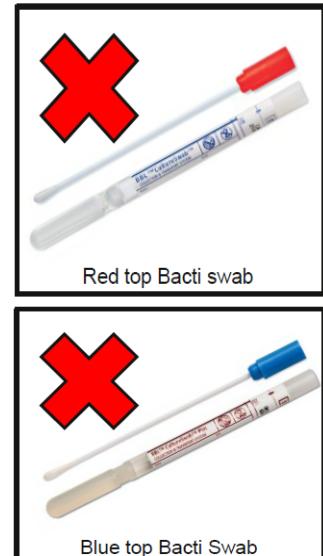
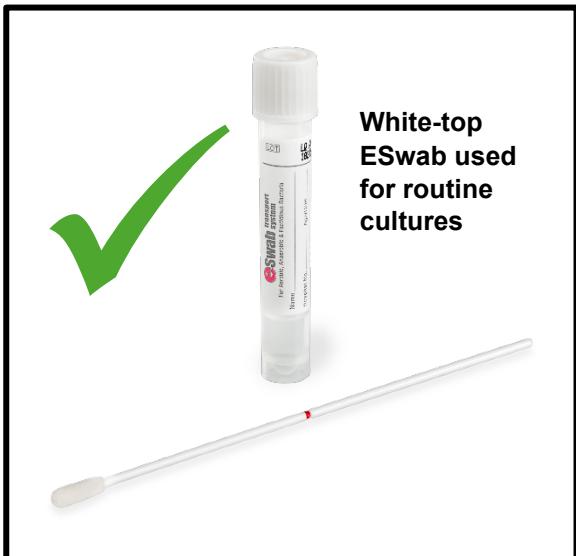
**Who:** WDL outreach clients; Froedtert enterprise, including all community hospital and clinic areas. This change does not include Froedtert South or ThedaCare locations.

**Why:** ESwab is a liquid based multipurpose collection and transport system for select microbiology cultures. The ESwab collects and releases more microbes more efficiently than traditional swabs, improving microbiology culture recovery.

*Collection instructions are available on the WDL website  
([https://www.wisconsindiagnostic.com/healthcare\\_providers/instructions/](https://www.wisconsindiagnostic.com/healthcare_providers/instructions/))*

### ESwab Collection Information:

- White-top ESwab is used for routine cultures (wound, tissue, body sites, etc.).
- Green-top ESwab is used for nasopharyngeal and ENT collections (NP, throat, nasal, ear, etc.).



**QUESTIONS:** Questions regarding this test may be directed to Dr. Rachael Liesman ([rliesman@mcw.edu](mailto:rliesman@mcw.edu)), Director of Microbiology, or Dr. Macy Wood ([mawood@mcw.edu](mailto:mawood@mcw.edu)), Associate Director of Microbiology.