

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.**

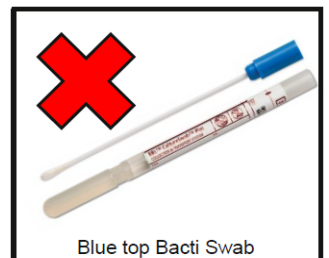
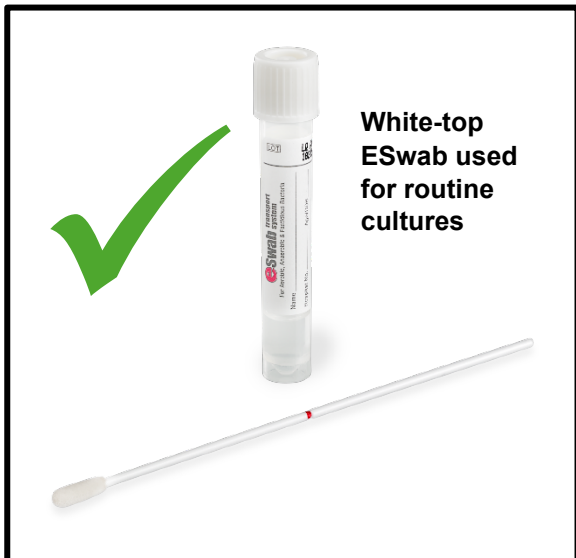
Who: WDL outreach clients; Froedtert enterprise, including all community hospital and clinic areas. This change does not include Froedtert South or ThedaCare locations.

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.wisconsinidiagnostic.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), Director of Microbiology, or Dr. Macy Wood (mawood@mcw.edu), Associate Director of Microbiology.