

RED TOP – DUAL SWAB WITH LIQUID AMIES



Use for:

- **Routine Culture:** Superficial wound, lesion, eye, ear
- **Fungal Culture:** All specimen sources
- **Upper Respiratory Culture:** Throat, nasal, sinus
- **Reproductive Culture:** Vaginal, penile, genital
- **Screening Cultures:** MRSA, VRE, CRE, FRE, Group A Strep, Group B Strep
- **NAAT Tests:** MRSA, Staph aureus, Strep A
- **Other Tests:** Rapid Strep, Vaginal Wet Mount

Do Not Use for:

- **Anaerobic Culture**

BLUE TOP – GEL SWAB WITH AMIES GEL



Use for:

- **Aerobic/Anaerobic Culture:** Deep wound, surgical site, abscess
- **Routine Culture:** Superficial wound, lesion, eye, ear
- **Fungal Culture:** All specimen sources
- **Upper Respiratory Culture:** Throat, nasal
- **Reproductive Culture:** Vaginal, penile, genital
- **Screening Cultures:** MRSA, VRE, CRE, FRE

Do Not Use for:

- **NAAT testing**

GREEN TOP – SOFT ALUMINUM WIRE SWAB WITH LIQUID AMIES



Use for:

- **Routine Culture:** Sinus, eye, ear
- **Fungal Culture:** Sinus, eye, ear
- **Reproductive Culture:** Male urethral
- **NAAT Tests:** Bordetella pertussis/parapertussis NAAT

GRAY TOP BORIC ACID TUBE



Use for:

- **Urine Culture:** Cathed and voided specimens

Note:

- **Transfer urine from collection cup to Boric Acid tube immediately after collection.**

M4 OR M6 VIRAL TRANSPORT MEDIA



Use for:

- **Viral NAAT Tests:** Influenza, RSV, Extended Respiratory Panel, Atypical pneumonia, VZV, HSV, CMV, Adenovirus, Chlamydia pneumoniae, Mycoplasma pneumoniae
- **Viral Isolation Culture:** Tissue, vesicle, eye, oral lesion
- **Chlamydia Culture:** Respiratory, genital
- **Mycoplasma Culture:** Respiratory, genital

Notes:

- **For viral testing only. Cannot be used for bacterial NAAT testing (including MRSA, Staph aureus, Strep, etc.).**
- **NAAT testing for viruses, chlamydia, and mycoplasma is recommended over culture.**
- **Cannot be used for Chlamydia trachomatis (CT), Neisseria gonorrhoeae (NG), or Trichomonas NAAT testing.**

STERILE CONTAINER (NO ADDITIVES)



Use for:

- **Unpreserved Stool Specimen:** C. difficile NAAT, Helicobacter pylori antigen, Rotavirus antigen, Gram stain
- **Lower Respiratory Specimen:** Sputum, BAL, mini-BAL, bronch wash for culture or NAAT testing
- **Urine Specimen:** Urine collection for culture or NAAT testing (transfer urine to Boric Acid tube for culture; transfer urine to Roche cobas tube for CT/NG NAAT if cannot submit cup to lab within 24 hours)
- **Tissue, Bone, or Fluid Specimen:** Place tissue or bone in saline. Use for larger volumes of sterile body fluids.

STOOL COLLECTION CONTAINERS



Use for:

- **White Top Para-Pak Clean Vial:** C. difficile NAAT, Helicobacter pylori antigen, Rotavirus antigen, Gram stain
- **Orange Top Para-Pak C&S Vial:** Stool culture, Norovirus NAAT
- **Green Top Para-Pak EcoFix Vial:** Ova & parasite exam, Cryptosporidium/Giardia DFA