


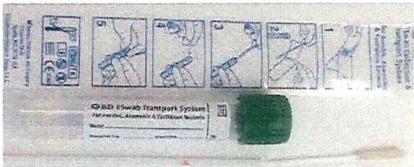








**Specimen Collection Containers for Microbiology Testing**  
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Commonly used EPIC Test Names/Codes	Acceptable Sources	Specimen Container		Notes
Aerobic culture and gram stain Code: LAB7379  Aerobic and anaerobic culture and gram stain Code: LAB7035	Fluids Aspirates			Fluid is injected and rests on top of the gel.  <b>DO NOT send through</b> pneumatic tube.
Tissue aerobic culture and gram stain Code: LAB7016  Tissue aerobic and anaerobic culture and gram stain Code: LAB7382	Biopsy Bone Cyst Lymph node Tissue			Keep tube upright when lid is open.  <b>DO NOT</b> push tissue down into the gel.  <b>DO NOT send through the</b> pneumatic tube.
Various (see above for examples)	Tissue Fluids Biopsy Bone Lymph node Stone Hardware Respiratory			<b>Leak Proof Sterile Container OR Syringe with screw cap</b>  Close lid tightly to prevent leakage.



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For Bacterial and Fungal cultures	Ocular Urethral		ESwab with Mini Tip Swab	Not for tissue transport.
For MRSA, VRE, Throat, Ear, Genital and Wound bacterial cultures	Wounds Throat Nasal Ear Genital Rectal		ESwab with Regular Swab	Not for tissue transport.
For Viral PCRs, Mycoplasma, and Ureaplasma	Nasopharyngeal Ocular Nasal Throat Genital Vesicles Lesions/Ulcers		Universal Transport Media	Not acceptable for routine bacterial, fungal and mycobacterial cultures.
Bacterial Vaginosis Stain Code: LAB7126	Vaginal		Labeled Slide in Rigid Slide Holder	Two Patient Identifiers must be written on the slide inside the holder.
			ESwab with Regular Swab	

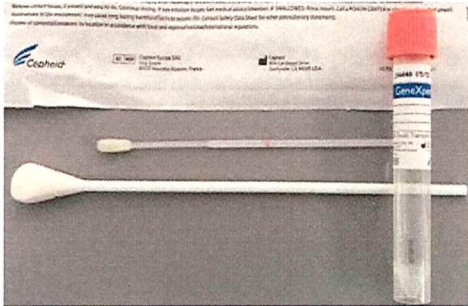
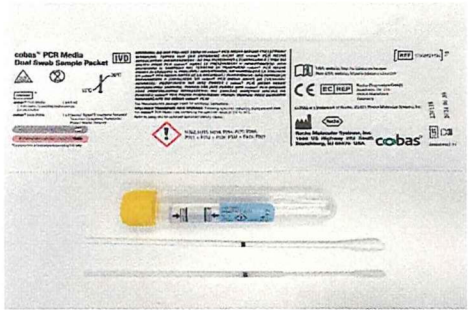
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<p>Mold blood culture Code: LAB242</p> <p>Mycobacteriology (AFB) blood culture Code: LAB246</p>	Blood		BACTEC Myco/F Lytic	<p>One bottle required for each test requested.</p> <p>Preferred volume: 5 mL of blood per bottle</p> <p>Minimum volume: 1 mL of blood per bottle</p>
<p>Mold bone marrow culture Code: LAB264</p> <p>Mycobacteria (AFB) bone marrow culture Code: LAB270</p>	Bone marrow		4mL Lithium Heparin	<p>Minimum volumes: Mold = 1 mL AFB = 1.5 mL</p>

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<p>Cryptosporidium and Giardia antigen assay Code: LAB258</p> <p>Ova and parasite examination Code: LAB955</p>	Stool		<p>10% Formalin &amp; Ecofix vials</p>	<p><u>Both</u> containers are required.</p> <p>Red line indicates fill volume. DO NOT overfill.</p> <p>Shake until stool is mixed with liquid. DO NOT switch caps.</p> <p>NOT acceptable for PCR testing.</p>
<p>Stool culture Code: LAB223</p>	Stool		<p>Cary Blair Media</p>	<p>Arrow indicates fill volume. DO NOT overfill.</p>

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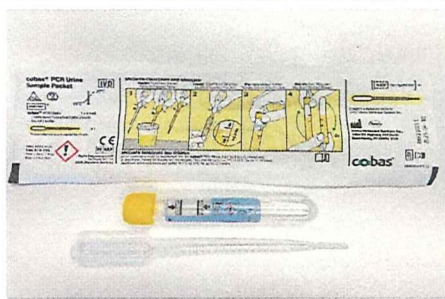


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<p><i>N. gonorrhoeae</i>/C. trachomatis Amplification Code: LAB4887</p> <p>Trichomonas vaginalis PCR Code: LAB3870</p>	<p>Endocervical Vaginal Rectal swab* Pharyngeal (throat)*</p> <p>*CTNG testing ONLY</p>	 <p><b>Xpert swab specimen collection kit - FOR ED &amp; INPATIENT COLLECTIONS ONLY</b></p>	<p>Specimen may be used for both gonorrhea/chlamydia and trichomonas.</p> <p>Throat and rectal specimens are not acceptable for Trichomonas PCR.</p> <p>Large cotton swab used for removing excess mucus for endocervical collections ONLY and is NOT acceptable for testing. Flocked swab must be used for sample collection.</p>
<p><i>N. gonorrhoeae</i>/C. trachomatis Amplification Code: LAB4887</p> <p>Trichomonas vaginalis PCR Code: LAB3870</p>	<p>Endocervical Vaginal Rectal swab* Pharyngeal (throat)*</p> <p>*CTNG testing ONLY</p>	 <p><b>cobas swab specimen collection kit - FOR OUTPATIENT CLINIC COLLECTIONS ONLY</b></p>	<p>Specimen may be used for both gonorrhea/chlamydia and trichomonas.</p> <p>Throat and rectal specimens are not acceptable for Trichomonas PCR.</p> <p>Large woven swab used for vaginal, rectal, pharyngeal collection. Small flocked swab not needed and can be discarded.</p> <p>Small flocked swab used for endocervical collection. Large swab can be used for removing access mucus prior to collection, but should then be discarded and is NOT acceptable for sample collection.</p>

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N. gonorrhoeae/C. trachomatis Amplification Code: LAB4887	Urine		<b>Xpert Urine Specimen Collection Kit</b> <b>FOR ED &amp; INPATIENT COLLECTIONS ONLY</b>	Specimen may be used for both Gonorrhea/Chlamydia, and Trichomonas PCR Testing.  Minimum volume: 7 mL Fill up to black dotted line on tube.
Trichomonas vaginalis PCR Code: LAB3870			<b>cobas Urine Specimen Collection Kit</b> <b>FOR OUTPATIENT CLINIC COLLECTIONS ONLY</b>	Specimen may be used for both Gonorrhea/Chlamydia, and Trichomonas PCR Testing.  Fill until volume reaches "fill area", designated by two black lines on tube.
N. gonorrhoeae/C. trachomatis Amplification - Ocular Code: LAB4887	Ocular swab		<b>Aptima Unisex Swab Collection device</b>	For ocular swab specimens for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia testing ONLY.
High Risk HPV and Genotyping Code: LAB5298 (Ordered as part of Cervical Cancer Screening Order set)  N. gonorrhoeae/C. trachomatis Amplification Code: LAB4887  Trichomonas vaginalis PCR Code: LAB3870	Endocervical Vaginal ( <b>HPV only</b> )		<b>Thinprep PreservCyt Solution</b>	

CTNG urine