













# CENTRA CARE Laboratory Services

## Microbiology Specimen Collection and Transport Devices

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Device Name	Description	Photo	Storage/Transport Temp.	Use For:
BBL Culture Swab	Red/White Cap		Storage - room temp. Transport - refrigerate	Bacterial (i.e. Throat, Group B Strep). Not for anaerobes.
Cepheid Swab Specimen Collection Kit	Kit with swabs and transport tube		Room Temp (Preferred) or Refrigerated	Vaginitis testing for Candida, Bacterial vaginosis, and Trichomonas.
BD eSwab Transport system	White= regular swab Green=minitip swab Blue=flexible minitip		Storage - room temp Transport- room temp	Preferred for Aerobic, Anaerobic and Fastidious bacteria and fungus. White Cap: Mycoplasma, Ureaplasma PCR, Varicella Zoster PCR, CMV
Universal Transport Media (1mL)	Swabs with Red Cap Transport Tube		Storage - refrigerate Transport - refrigerate	Influenza, RSV, Bordetella PCR, Resp. pathogen profile, HSV
BBL Culture Swab Plus	Black cap with Black media		Storage - room temp Transport - room temp	Genital and Eye GC culture
Viral M4RT Transport	Blue or Red capped tube with 3 cc reddish fluid generally used with a sterile swab.		Refrigerate	Viral cultures. Break or cut swab off in tube and screw cap on tightly. Do not use wooden shaft swabs.
Viral M4RT Transport use with regular size swab				Chlamydia and viral cultures. Break or cut swab off in tube and screw on cap tightly. Wooden shaft swabs and frozen viral cultures are unacceptable. Do not send urine specimens in M4 media - send sterile container.
Sterile Screw-top Container	Sterile Screw-top Container		Storage - room temp Transport - refrigerate	Stool for C. difficile - specimen should form to the container to be appropriate for testing (unformed stool) Preferred container for any tissue or fluid specimen.
Para-Pak C&S	Orange capped vial		Storage - refrigerate Transport - room temp	Enteric pathogen panel.
Para-Pak PVA and Formalin	Grey and Pink capped vials		Storage - room temp Transport - room temp	Ova and parasite (pink and grey) and Giardia/Cryptosporidium (pink) screens.
APTIMA - Multitest Swab	Collection Kit with swabs and orange transport tube		Storage - room temp Transport - room temp	Amplified probe testing for Chlamydia/Neisseria from female vaginal and male penile meatal specimens.
APTIMA - Unisex Swab	Collection Kit with swabs and transport tube			Amplified probe testing for Chlamydia/Neisseria from female endocervical and male urethral specimens.
APTIMA - Urine Collection Kit	Collection Kit with pipette and Yellow transport tube			Amplified probe testing for Chlamydia/Neisseria from urine. Urine level must be between black lines indicated on the yellow transport tube.
Urine Collection and Transport Kit	Vacutainer Grey tube UC Vacutainer, Yellow/Red cap Tube UA, Yellow cap Chemistry		Storage - room temp/refrigerate Transport - refrigerate	For on-site collection of urine for culture - label sample as "Cath", "Midstream" or "Clean Catch".