

The right swab for the right job

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BD ESwab Transport System (Eswab)¹:

LAB503: Aerobic culture with Gram Stain²
 LAB233: Anaerobic culture²
 LAB885: Rapid Strep A by NAT³
 LAB465: Genital culture
 LAB1296: Fungus culture



BBL Culture Swab (double swab, red cap):

LAB885: Rapid Strep A by antigen test³
 LAB252: Wet prep
 LAB251: KOH
 LAB503: Aerobic culture with Gram Stain^{1,2}
 LAB234: MRSA nasal screen
 LAB5027: VRE rectal screen
 LAB502: Group B Strep screen, prenatal
 LAB10751: Herpes Simplex Virus 1 & 2 PCR (place swab in tube of UTM or VTM)
 LVZV: Varicella zoster virus lesion PCR



SP Brand CultureSwab (single swab, white cap):

LAB252: Wet prep
 LAB251: KOH
 LAB5027: VRE rectal screen
 LAB8003: NEOS (nasal smear for eosinophils)



BD Universal Viral Transport Medium (3 ml) and Nasopharyngeal FLOQSwab:

LAB10709: SARS-CoV-2 by NAAT
 LAB10713: Influenza A/B & SARS-CoV-2
 LAB10714: Influenza A/B, RSV, & SARS-CoV-2
 LAB5072: Influenza A/B & RSV
 LAB5053: Respiratory pathogen panel (high-risk patients)
 LAB923: B. pertussis, PCR (at NDDOH)
 LAB10751: Herpes Simplex Virus 1 & 2 PCR



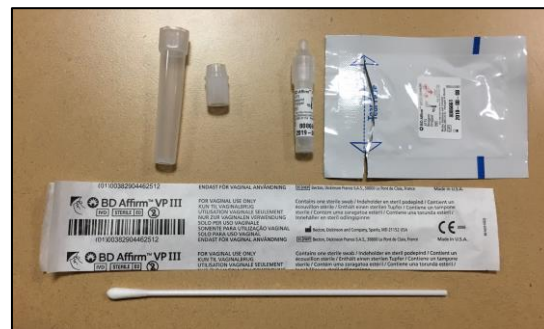
Aptima swabs⁴:

LAB5043: Chlamydia trachomatis by Nucleic Acid Test
 LAB5044: Neisseria gonorrhoeae by Nucleic Acid Test

- Unisex swab (white label): endocervical or urethral
- Multitest swab (orange label): vaginal, throat, rectal

LAB10709: SARS-CoV-2 by NAAT

- Direct load swab (purple label): nasal



BD Affirm VP III (vaginal swab and transport tube): LAB5022: Vaginitis screen by DNA Probe

Foot Notes:

- 1) ESwab is the recommended swab for bacterial culture (aerobic/anaerobic).
- 2) Whenever possible, send tissue or fluid instead of a swab for culture. Swabs should be avoided for fungal and AFB (Mycobacteria) cultures.
- 3) The swab submitted will determine which test is performed for Group A Strep. No backup culture needed for negative results by NAT.
- 4) Urine may also be tested for CT/GC; see specific collection instructions on altrulab.testcatalog.org