

# THE RIGHT SWAB FOR THE RIGHT JOB

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**BD ESwab Transport System\*:**

- LAB503: Aerobic culture with Gram Stain\*
- LAB233: Anaerobic culture\*
- LAB885: Rapid Strep A by NAT
- LAB465: Genital culture
- FGEN: Fungus culture
- FDERM: Fungus culture (Hair, skin, nails)
- LAB228: Throat Culture



**BBL CultureSwab (Double Red swab):**

- LAB251: KOH
- LAB503: Aerobic culture with Gram Stain\*
- 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



**Culture Swab (Single White swab):**

- LAB251: KOH
- LAB5027: VRE rectal screen
- LAB8003: NEOS(nasal smear for eosinophils)



**BD Universal Viral Transport Medium(3 mL) and Nasopharyngeal swab:**

- 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 swabs\*\*:**

- 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
- LAB5022: Multiplex Vaginal Panel by PCR (Clinics M-F)
- Multitest swab (orange label): vaginal



**Hologic RespDirect swab:**  
Clinics and Express Clinics

- 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



**Xpert Swab Specimen Collection Kit (Pink Top):**

- LAB5022: Multiplex Vaginal Panel by PCR (STAT, Express clinics collect Sat&Sun)

\*ESwab is the recommended swab for bacterial culture (aerobic/anaerobic). Whenever possible, send fluid, bone, or tissue in a sterile cup or Anaerobic Transport Media instead of a swab for culture.

Swabs should be avoided for fungal and AFB (Mycobacteria) cultures.

\*\*Urine may also be tested for CT/GC; see specific collection instructions on [altrulab.testcatalog.org](http://altrulab.testcatalog.org)