


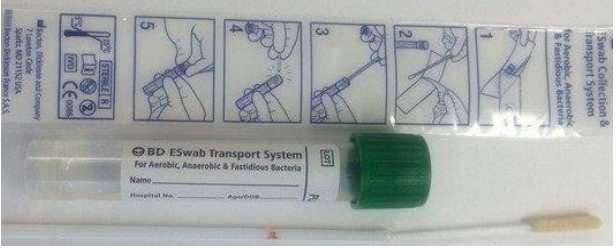








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Commonly used EPIC Test Names/Codes	Acceptable Sources	Specimen Container		Notes
<p>Aerobic culture and gram stain Code: LAB7379</p> <p>Aerobic and anaerobic culture and gram stain Code: LAB7035</p>	<p>Fluids Aspirates</p>		<p>Anaerobic Transport Media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


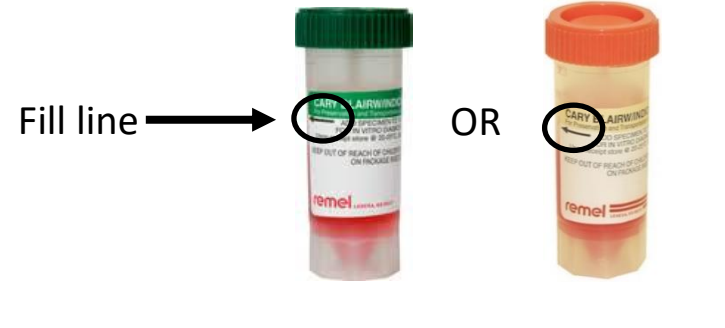
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For Bacterial and Fungal cultures	Ocular Urethral		ESwab with Mini Tip Swab Not for tissue transport.
For MRSA, VRE, Throat, Ear, Genital and Wound bacterial cultures	Wounds Throat Nasal Ear Genital Rectal		ESwab with Regular Swab Not for tissue transport.
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 Vaginitis 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

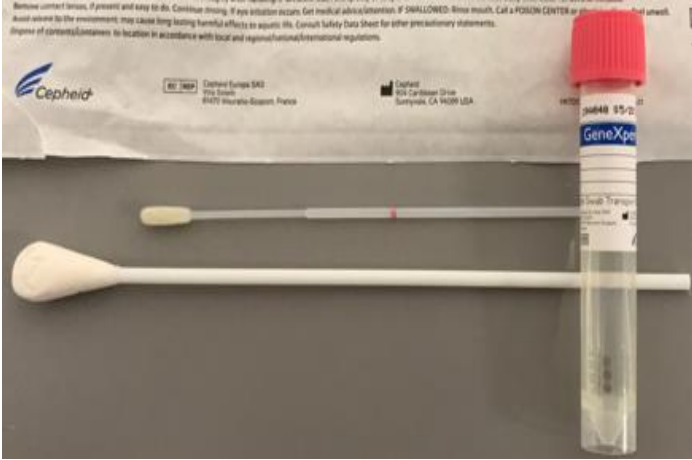
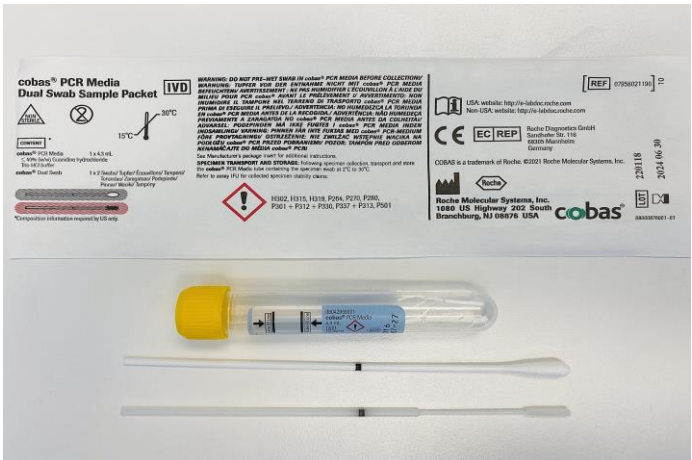
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<p>Mold blood culture Code: LAB242</p> <p>Mycobacteriology (AFB) blood culture Code: LAB246</p>	<p>Blood</p>			<p>One bottle required for each test requested.</p> <p>Preferred volume: 5 mL of blood per bottle</p> <p>Minimum volume: 1 mL of blood per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

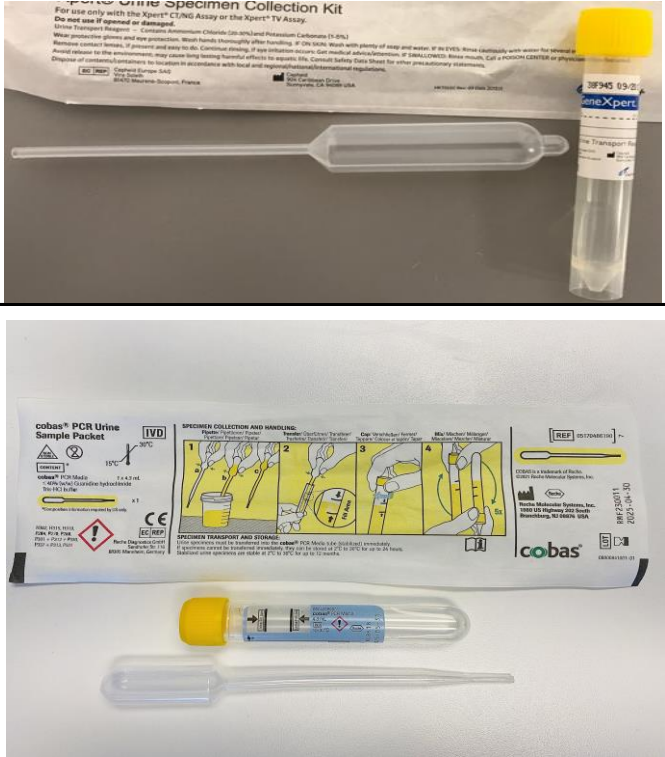


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Cryptosporidium and Giardia antigen assay Code: LAB258 Ova and parasite examination Code: LAB955	Stool	 <p>Fill line →</p>	10% Formalin & Ecofix vials	<p>Both containers are required.</p> <p>Red line indicates fill volume. DO NOT overfill.</p> <p>Shake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

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