









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			<p align="center">Anaerobic Transport Media</p> Fluid is injected and rests on top of the gel. DO NOT send through 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			<p align="center">Anaerobic Transport Media</p> Keep tube upright when lid is open. DO NOT push tissue down into the gel. DO NOT send through the pneumatic tube.
Various (see above for examples)	Tissue Fluids Biopsy Bone Lymph node Stone Hardware Respiratory			<p align="center">Leak Proof Sterile Container OR Syringe with screw cap</p> Close lid tightly to prevent leakage.




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For Bacterial and Fungal cultures	Ocular Urethral		<p align="center">ESwab with Mini Tip Swab</p> <p>Not for tissue transport.</p>
For MRSA, VRE, Throat, Ear, Genital and Wound bacterial cultures	Wounds Throat Nasal Ear Genital Rectal		<p align="center">ESwab with Regular Swab</p> <p>Not for tissue transport.</p>
For Viral PCRs, Mycoplasma, and Ureaplasma	Nasopharyngeal Ocular Nasal Throat Genital Vesicles Lesions/Ulcers		<p align="center">Universal Transport Media</p> <p>Not acceptable for routine bacterial, fungal and mycobacterial cultures.</p>



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Mold blood culture Code: LAB242 Mycobacteriology (AFB) blood culture Code: LAB246	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>
Mold bone marrow culture Code: LAB264 Mycobacteria (AFB) bone marrow culture Code: LAB270	Bone marrow		4mL Lithium Heparin	<p>Minimum volumes: Mold = 1 mL AFB = 1.5 mL</p>


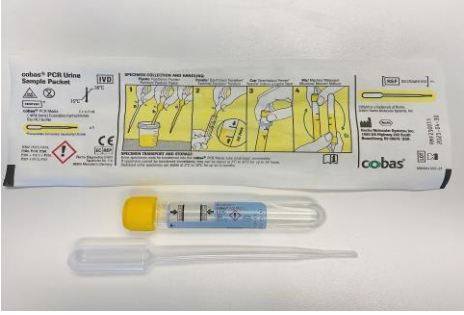

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Cryptosporidium and Giardia antigen assay Code: LAB258 Ova and parasite examination Code: LAB955	Stool		<p align="center">10% Formalin & Ecofix vials</p> <p>Both containers are required.</p> <p>Red line indicates fill volume. DO NOT overfill.</p> <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 align="center">Cary Blair Media</p> <p>Arrow indicates fill volume. DO NOT overfill.</p>
Vaginitis Panel PCR Code: LAB9518 Panel includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anaerobic bacteria associated with BV • Candida species • Trichomonas vaginalis (TV) 	Vaginal		<p align="center">Xpert swab specimen collection kit</p> <p>Use ONLY small flocked swab for sample collection.</p> <p>Larger cotton swab is <u>NOT ACCEPTABLE</u> for sample collection and should ONLY be used for removing excess mucus for endocervical collections (then discarded).</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>Woven</p> <p>NOTE: For patients < 15 years old, TWO Xpert vaginal swab collection kits must be used for collection if CTNG is ordered along with Vaginitis panel or TV.</p> <p>For patients > 15 years old, ONE vaginal collection kit can be used if combination of testing is requested.</p>	<p>Xpert swab specimen collection kit - FOR ED & INPATIENT COLLECTIONS ONLY</p>	<p>Use ONLY small flocked swab for sample collection.</p> <p>Larger cotton swab is <u>NOT ACCEPTABLE</u> for sample collection and should ONLY be used for removing excess mucus for endocervical collections (then discarded).</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>Woven</p> <p>Flocked</p>	<p>cobas swab specimen collection kit - FOR OUTPATIENT CLINIC COLLECTIONS ONLY</p>	<p>Use ONLY large woven swab for vaginal, rectal, and pharyngeal collection. Smaller flocked swab NOT ACCEPTABLE for these sources and should be discarded.</p> <p>Use ONLY Small flocked swab for endocervical collection. Larger woven swab is <u>NOT ACCEPTABLE</u> and should be used for removing excess mucus prior to collection, then discarded.</p> <p>ONE collection container can be used for both CTNG and TV testing.</p>

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<p>N. gonorrhoeae/C. trachomatis Amplification Code: LAB4887</p>	<p>Urine</p>		<p>Xpert Urine Specimen Collection Kit FOR ED & INPATIENT COLLECTIONS ONLY</p>	<p>Minimum volume: 7 mL Collection container <u>MUST</u> be filled to black dotted line. ONE collection container can be used for testing both CTNG and TV.</p>
<p>Trichomonas vaginalis PCR Code: LAB3870</p>			<p>cobas Urine Specimen Collection Kit FOR OUTPATIENT CLINIC COLLECTIONS ONLY</p>	<p>Collection container <u>MUST</u> be filled until volume reaches "fill area", designated by two black lines. ONE collection container can be used for testing both CTNG and TV.</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>

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<p>High Risk HPV and Genotyping Code: LAB5298 (Ordered as part of Cervical Cancer Screening Order set)</p> <p><i>N. gonorrhoeae</i>/C. trachomatis Amplification Code: LAB4887</p> <p>Trichomonas vaginalis PCR Code: LAB3870</p>	<p>Endocervical Vaginal (HPV only)</p>	 <p>The image shows a small white plastic vial with a white cap. The label is green and white, featuring the 'ThinPrep PreservCyt Solution' logo. It includes technical details such as 'REF: 70097-002', '15 mL', and 'Lot: 011542004600338'. The vial is centered in the 'Specimen Container' column.</p>		<p align="center">Thinprep PreservCyt Solution</p>