

Sample Collection Guide

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Urogenital Sample Collection

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Sample Collection Device	Source	Test
Vaginal: Ambient All others: Refrigerate	Vaginal	 Vaginitis Panel RRMC* GC Chlamydia PCR RRMC* *Note: Both of these tests may be run on the same sample
Aptima Multi Test Collection Kit		
Ambient	Urine	• GC Chlamydia Urine Amplified RNA UVMC NOTE: UVMC will no longer accept Endocervical and Urethral samples For these sources use the Mayo test and Aptima vial indicated below
Cobas Urine Collection Kit		
Refrigerate	Endocervical/Cervical Urethral Occular	 GC & Chlamydia Amplified RNA Mayo GC Chlamydia Misc Sites (Ocular) Mayo
Refrigerate	Mucocutaneous Sites i.e. Genital Rectal Oral Skin	 Herpes Simplex PCR UVMC Varicella Zoster PCR UVMC Note: These tests CANNOT be run on samples collected with Aptima or bacterial collection devices.
Ambient	Vaginal/Rectal	• Group B Strep Detecton PCR RRMC Note: RRMC will only perform this test on pregnant patients. Penecillin alergy must be specified.



Bacterial Culture Sample Collection

Sample Collection Device	Source	Test
E Swab	Abcess Cellulitis Decubitus Ulcer Incision Lesion Wound Nares (for MRSA screen)	 Culture Wound RRMC Culture Staph Screen RRMC (MRSA Screen) MRSA Screening is ONLY performed on nasal samples. For other sample types order Culture Wound RRMC. NOTE: Swabs are NOT acceptable for
E SWAD Ambient	Aspirate	 anaerobic culture Culture Anaerobic w/Aerobic RRMC It is not necessary to submit an additional sample if an aerobic culture is also desired. NOTE: Swabs are NOT acceptable for anaerobic culture.
Ambient	Tissue	• Culture Anaerobic w/Aerobic RRMC
Ambient Urine Culture Tube	Urine	• Culture Urine RRMC
Ambient	Sputum Medical Device Tissue	 Culture Sputum RRMC Culture Medical Device RRMC Culture Tissue RRMC (for aerobic culture only)
Ambient Teal Star Swab	Throat	 Strep Culture RRMC Rapid Beta Strep Screen Note: If Culture and Screen are both needed, two swabs must be sent Use if Strep throat is suspected



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Stool Sample Collection

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	Stool	 Culture Stool UVMC Bacterial Path Detect UVMC NOTE: Sample MUST be placed in Para Pak tube within ONE HOUR of collection.
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Refrigerate Deliver to Lab ASAP Image: Constraint of the second state of the seco	Stool	 C. diff Calprotectin Feces Mayo Fecal Fat Mayo Fecal Occult Blood H Pylori Stool UVMC WBC Stool NOTE: Sample MUST be refrigerated and brought to the lab as soon as possible.



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Respiratory/Viral Sample Collection

I ≝ Refrigerate (unless delivered immediately)		
3 mL UTM Vial & Floc Swab	Nasopharynx (for respiratory samples) Mucocutaneous Sites i.e. Genital Rectal Oral Skin (for Herpes/Varicella)	 SARS/Flu/RSV PCR or SARS-CoV-2 PCR (in-house only) COVID19 PCR RRMC Herpes Simplex PCR UVMC Varicella Zoster PCR UVMC Viral Respiratory Panel UVMC NOTE: The Viral Respiratory Panel should only be used for immunocompromised patients or extremely ill patients in whom influenza and RSV testing is negative.
Refrigerate (unless delivered immediately)		
1 mL UTM Vial & Floc Swab	Nasopharynx	 Quick Flu Direct Antigen Test RSV Direct Antigen Screen NOTE: Both of the above tests can be run on the same sample. DO NOT USE FOR PCR TESTING
Ambient Image: Constant Tube & Foam Tipped Swab	Nares	• COVID Antigen (In-house only)