

UTM/Flu Kit: for Detection of Respiratory Viruses

Usage: Collection of samples for respiratory virus testing by nucleic acid amplification testing

Kit Content:

- UTM (Universal Transport Medium) in a tube
- Nasopharyngeal FLOQSwab and polyester throat swab
- Requisition
- Absorbent material

Kit Storage Pre-Specimen Collection: at room temperature, away from heat source

Shelf Life: 1 year (expiry date on tube). Do not use if leaking, changed color, cloudy, or past expiry date

Swabs:

- Only use the swabs provided to collect samples (see: **Collection of a Nasopharyngeal and Throat Swab for Detection of Respiratory Infection**)
- Afterward, cut or break swab shaft at score line to fit in the tube
- (if the shaft is longer than the tube, the UTM will leak and the sample cannot be tested)

Tube Label:

- Must specify patient's name, PHN, sample site
- Unlabelled or mislabeled samples cannot be tested

ProvLab Requisition must have:

- Ordering physician name, AND clinic or office address and phone number
- Patient's name, DOB, gender, PHN, home address and phone number, sample type and site, date and time of collection, tests requested and clinical history
- Indicate patient location (e.g. walk-in clinic, physician's office, emergency department, specialized clinic, in-patient ward location) on requisition.
- If the information is incomplete the sample may be discarded or testing delayed.

Kit Transport Post-Specimen Collection:

- One sample per biohazard bag
- Sample and absorbent material in the re-sealable compartment of the bag
- Requisition in the adjacent pouch of the bag
- Keep in the fridge (or in a cool location) until shipped to the laboratory
- Ship to ProvLab on Cold-Pak

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