

Refer to [Alberta Precision Laboratories \(APL\) Test Directory](#) for complete instructions for each test being ordered

Note: swabs are not interchangeable between collection kits – put the swab in the container it was packaged with.

APTIMA Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit



PINK swab, orange label

Use for:

- Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea Screen (Vaginal, Throat, Rectal, Eye)
- *Trichomonas vaginalis* Screen (Vaginal)
- Vaginitis Screen for bacterial vaginosis, *Candida*, *Trichomonas* (Vaginal)

Note: a single vaginal swab can be used to complete all the above tests.

APTIMA Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit



BLUE swab, white label

Use for:

- Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea Screen (Cervical/Endocervical, Urethral, Eye)
- *Trichomonas vaginalis* Screen (Cervical/Endocervical, Urethral)

Note: When using this kit, **submit only the BLUE swab to the laboratory** for testing. Use the white swab **only** to remove mucus from cervical/endocervical sources and then discard it.

ESwab Liquid Amies Swab



Note that lid colour may vary (pink vs. white).

Use for:

- Acute Pharyngitis Screen
- Superficial Wound Culture
- Superficial Eye Culture (Conjunctival Swab)
- Oral Candidiasis Screen
- Ear Canal Culture
- VRE, CPO or MRSA Screen
- Group B Streptococcus Screen (Prenatal Vaginal/Rectal swab)
- Genital Culture
- Vaginal Candidiasis Culture
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Culture

****DO NOT confuse ESwab with UTM.** Package label will state ESwab. ESwab has clear liquid.

ESwab® MRSA Collection System



Use for:

- MRSA Screen (Nasal and Inguinal Sources)

PRAS (Pre-Reduced Anaerobic Sterilized) Transport Media



Use for:

- Swab specimens for Deep Wound Culture or Fluid Culture which require anaerobic culture (e.g. OR or IR collected specimens), though **tissue/fluid specimens are preferred**
- **NOT** suitable for Mycobacterial or Fungal Culture

Note: Do not use if media is lavender in colour; this indicates anaerobic conditions have been compromised.

Universal/Viral Transport medium (UTM/VTM)

Puritan UniTranz-RT UTM

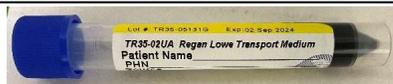


Use for:

- Respiratory virus testing including influenza, RSV, SARS-CoV-2, measles, mumps (Nasopharyngeal swab)
- Herpes zoster, varicella zoster, Mpox, enteroviruses, syphilis (Lesion Swab – use kits with extra larger polyester tipped swab)

NOTE: Tubes may come with different cap colours. Always read package label. UTM has pink liquid ***DO NOT confuse with ESwab***

Regan Lowe Transport Medium



Use for:

- *Bordetella Pertussis* (Nasopharyngeal swab)
- Media is black and solid. Kits come with a NP swab.