



ALVERNO LABORATORIES

# SPECIMEN COLLECTION GUIDE MICROBIOLOGY

Specimen collection instructions and guidelines may change. We recommend checking the collection manual for the most up-to-date collection information at [www.AlvernoLabs.com](http://www.AlvernoLabs.com)

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## ESWAB - CULTURES ONLY

Healthcare providers are encouraged to use the Eswab that best fits the specimen source and patient. Eswabs are interchangeable for all cultures in the section listed immediately below.

**CANNOT BE USED FOR MOLECULAR OR RAPID KIT TESTING EXCEPT FOR MRSA BY PCR.**

### FLOCKED SWAB

ORDER#132433

**Cultures:**

Throat, Nasal, MRSA, Wound, Anaerobic, Group B Strep screens



### GROUP A STREP ESWAB DUAL SWAB \*FLOCKED + RAYON SWAB

ORDER# 171956

Rayon swab for in-office, rapid test.

If applicable, flocked swap to Alverno for reflex culture.



### MINI-TIP

ORDER#132434

**Cultures:**

Ear, Eye, Gonorrhea Genital cervical/urethral



### FLEXIBLE MINI-TIP

ORDER# 132435

**Cultures:**

Nasopharyngeal - Sinus



## PARA - PAK

### CARY-BLAIR MEDIA

ORDER# 23205

Stool Culture - Vibrio Culture  
Yersinia Culture - Shiga Toxin  
E.coli 0157 Culture Testing



### SAF FIXATIVE

ORDER# 11939

Ova and Parasite  
O&P Screening



## URINE TUBES

### NO ADDITIVES

ORDER# 353447

Legionella antigen by EIA Testing  
Streptococcus pneumoniae antigen



### BORIC ACID TUBE

ORDER# 26971

Urine Culture



ORDER# 25487

Use for transfer to tube



## STERILE SCREW CAP CUP

(NO ADDITIVE)

ORDER# 153706

Sputum culture  
Tissue, hair, skin or nails

Sterile body fluids  
Stool for rotavirus testing by EIA

