



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

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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



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**

