



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

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Reach us at 800-937-5521

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

