

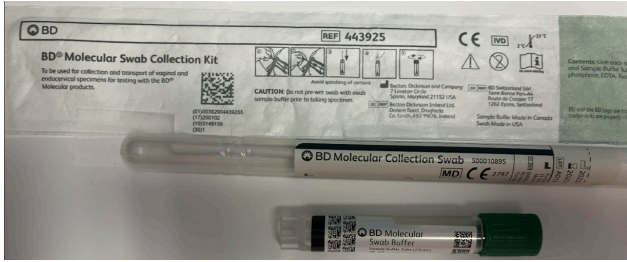
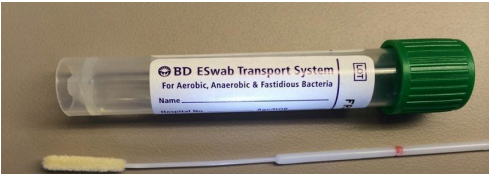
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Microbiology Specimen Collection Guide

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Device		Used For:	Stability
	BD Molecular Swab Collection Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaginal Pathogens PCR <i>Candida species, BV, and Trichomonas</i> 	Ambient or Refrigerated Stable: 21 days
 <p>Flexible mini-tip for small openings Nasopharyngeal swab for bacterial culture only.</p>	ESwab Mini-tip DO NOT USE FOR VIRAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bacterial Cultures/Aerobic and Anaerobic Candida Screen MRSA Screen Eye/Ear bacterial cultures Sinus bacterial culture 	Ambient Stable: <48 hours

	<p>ESwab Standard</p> <p>Primary Bacterial Culture Swab</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacterial Cultures/ <i>Aerobic and Anaerobic</i> • Gram Stain • Genital Culture • Strep A/Throat • Group B Strep • Routine/ Wound Culture 	<p>eSwab®</p> <p>Stable: 48 hour Ambient</p> <p>Gonorrhea Culture for Anal, Throat, Eye, Child < 24 hours</p>
 <div> Mini Tip swab for Nasopharyngeal Collection </div>	<p>Universal Viral Transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID • Influenza A/B & RSV by PCR • Non-Respiratory Viral Culture • Respiratory Pathogen Screen PCR • Herpes Simplex 1 & 2 PCR • Varicella Zoster PCR (<i>Shingles</i>) • Bordetella Pertussis/Parapertussis PCR • Chlamydia Culture 	<p>Viral Culture, RSV Ag, Stable: Refrigerated 3 days</p> <p>Respiratory Pathogen Screen, Herpes PCR, VZV PCR Stable: Refrigerated 1 week Bordetella Pertussis PCR Stable: Frozen 3 months</p>
	<p>Thin Prep PAP Media Cervical</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAP • Chlamydia/Gonorrhea by PCR <i>Molecular Testing for Genital sources</i> • HPV Testing 	<p>Chlamydia/Gonorrhea Stable: Ambient/Refrig 12 months</p> <p>HPV Stable Ambient/Refrigerated 6 months</p>

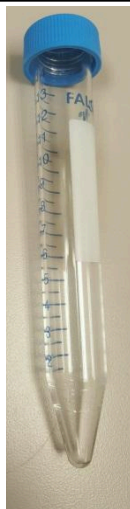
	Sterile Cup & Urine C&S Transport Tube	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean-Catch Urine Culture <p><i>Urine Transport tube can only be used for urine culture not UA.</i></p>	<p>Urine Sterile Cup Stable: Refrigerated <24 hours</p> <p>Urine Transport Tube Stable: Ambient or Refrigerated 48 hours</p>
	Total-Fix Stool Fixative Stool/Fecal or Colon Aspirate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ova & Parasites 	<p>Stool must be put in fixative within 2 hours of collection</p> <p>Total-Fix Fixative Stable: Ambient <1 month</p>
	Para-Pak Enteric Plus Loose, Diarrheal Stool or Colon Aspirate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fecal/Stool Culture GI Pathogen Profile by PCR <i>Must submit both a fresh stool sample (no formed stool) in Clean container along with Enteric Plus stool sample.</i> Cryptosporidium Antigen Giardia Antigen 	<p>Stool must be put in transport media within 2 hours of collection</p> <p>Enteric Plus- Ambient Stable: <96 hours</p> <p>Fresh-Ambient Stable: <2 hours</p>
	Para-Pak Clean Vial Loose, Diarrheal Stool or Colon Aspirate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clostridium Difficile by PCR (<i>C Diff</i>) <i>No Formed stools</i> Calprotectin 	<p>C Diff, Stable: Refrigerated 5 days</p> <p>Calprotectin Stable: Refrigerated 5 days</p>



- Helicobacter Pylori Antigen
- Rotavirus Ag
- Norovirus by PCR
- Fecal WBC
- Occult Blood
- GI Pathogen Profile by PCR
Must submit both a fresh stool sample (no formed stool) in Clean container along with Enteric Plus stool sample.

H Pylori & Rotavirus Stable:
Refrigerated 3 days

Norovirus
Stable Frozen 1 month
Fecal WBC Stable
Ambient/Refrigerated
2 weeks
Occult blood Stable:
Refrigerated 7 days



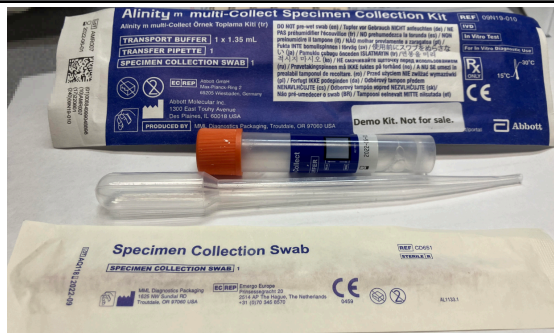
Sterile Cup/Sterile Conical Tube

- Urine Cultures
- Body Fluids
- Sputum Culture
- Fungal culture *Nail Clippings and Skin scrapings*
- Tissue Culture
- Clostridium Difficile by PCR (*C Diff*)
No Formed stools

Urine Stable Refrigerated 24
hours

Body Fluids and Tissue
Stable Ambient 24 hours

C diff Stable:
Refrigerated 5 days



Alinity m multi-Collect Specimen Collection kit

- Chlamydia trachomatis/Neisseria Gonorrhoeae by PCR
 - Endocervical swab, vaginal swab, male urine, female urine, rectal swab, oropharyngeal swab
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 - Endocervical swab, vaginal swab, male urine, female urine, rectal swab, oropharyngeal swab
- Neisseria Gonorrhoeae by PCR
 - Endocervical swab, vaginal swab, male urine, female urine, rectal swab, oropharyngeal swab
- Trichomonas vaginalis by PCR
 - Endocervical swab, vaginal swab, male urine, female urine
- Mycoplasma genitalium by PCR
 - Endocervical swab, vaginal swab, male urine
- NEIA STI Panel

Urine: Patient should not have voided for 1 hour. **NOT** Clean Catch Urine, only first 20-30 mL to be collected

Stable Ambient or Refrigerated for 7 days