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Swab and Media Shortages (Updated)

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Beaumont Laboratory continues to face critical supply chain shortages of white ESwabs used for routine bacterial cultures and wet preps. The specimen collection guide provided in the October 2020 bulletin has been updated to include alternatives for anaerobic cultures (including deep wound cultures) and wet preps. Changes to the specimen collection guide are in **bold** print.

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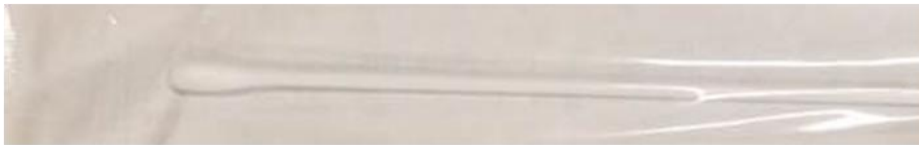
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Specimen Collection Guide

Test	Specimen Type	Collection Device	Alternative Collection Device
Bordetella pertussis by Nucleic Acid Amplification	Nasopharyngeal	Green/Blue ESwab (FH, GP, RO, TY) UVT (DB, TR, TN, WA)	None
Culture, Anaerobic	Multiple	Aspirated fluid or tissue submitted in a syringe or sterile container	White ESwab or Blue BBL CultureSwab
Culture, Respiratory	Nose/Oral	White ESwab	White BBL CultureSwab
Culture, Respiratory	Nasopharyngeal/Sinus	Green ESwab or Blue ESwab	None
Culture, Wound	Any site using a swab	White ESwab	White BBL CultureSwab or Blue BBL CultureSwab (Deep Wounds)
Culture, Staph. Aureus	Nasal	White ESwab	White BBL CultureSwab
MRSA Culture	Nasal	White ESwab	White BBL CultureSwab
Staph Screen, NAA	Nasal	Red BBL CultureSwab	None
Strep Screen, Group A	Throat	Rapid: White Eswab (FH, GP, RO, TY) Red BBL CultureSwab (DB, TR, TN, WA) Culture: White Eswab (All sites)	Red BBL CultureSwab or Green/Blue ESwab paired with polyester swab
Strep Screen, Group B	Vaginal/Rectal	White ESwab	White BBL CultureSwab
Wet Prep Exam	Vaginal	White ESwab	Red VACUETTE PBS tube with polyester swab

Green/Blue ESwab paired with individually wrapped polyester swab



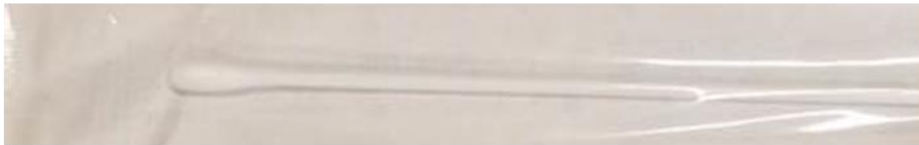
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