
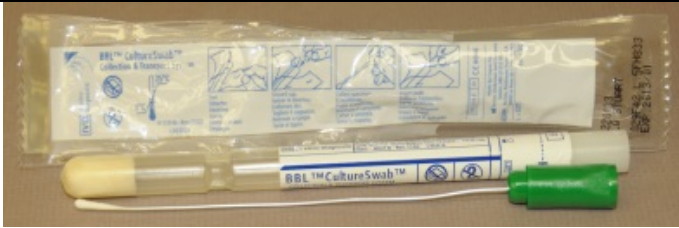

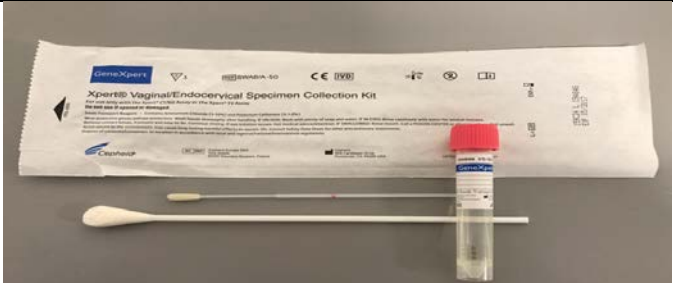




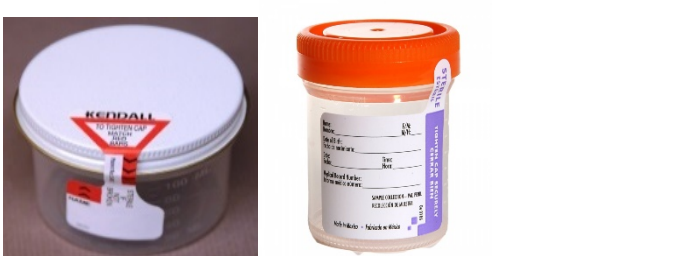





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**Common Microbiology & Molecular Specimen Collection and Transport Devices**

Device Name	Description	Photo of Collection Device	Transport Temperature	Common Uses
Bacterial Culture Swab	Red Cap Culturette		Room Temp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bacterial aerobic (wound) LAB6007</li> <li>MRSA PCR LABMRSA</li> <li>Group B Strep PCR LABGBSMD</li> <li>Group B Strep PCR with Sens LABGBSWS</li> <li>Comprehensive Throat Culture LAB6005</li> </ul> <p><b>*Not for use for body fluid or abscess collections.</b></p>
Bacterial Culture Swab Mini-Tip	Green Cap Culturette		Room temp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ear LABCXEAR</li> <li>Eye LABCXEYE</li> <li>MRSA PCR collection (NICU in Duluth) LABMRSA</li> </ul> <p><b>*Not for use for body fluid or abscess collections</b></p>
Universal Transport Media (UTM)	Red capped transport tube with swabs <b>3 mls</b>		Refrigerated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Influenza AB LABFLABN</li> <li>RSV LABRSVN</li> <li>Influenza AB/RSV Combo LABFLRSN</li> <li>Respiratory Panel LABRVPC</li> </ul> <p><b>*now includes pertussis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Herpes HSV PCR</li> <li>Herpes/VZV LABHSVCM</li> </ul>
Chlamydia and Neisseria (CTGC) PCR Collection Kit	Pink capped transport tube (Cepheid) <b>Female Swab Collection- Endocervial or Vaginal collection</b>		Room Temp or Refrigerated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chlamydia and Neisseria (CTGC) PCR LAB6059</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Chlamydia and Neisseria (CTGC) PCR Collection Kit</b></p>	<p><b>Yellow capped transport tube (Cepheid)</b>  <b>Dirty Urine Collection (Male and Female)</b></p>		<p><b>Room Temp or Refrigerate</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chlamydia and Neisseria (CTGC) PCR LAB6059</li> <li><b>Dirty urine specimen to be collected by patient into urine specimen cup. Local laboratory will transfer to yellow capped transport tube and send to testing laboratory</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Strep A Molecular Screen eswab</b></p>	<p><b>Purple capped Copan Eswab</b></p>		<p><b>Room Temp or Refrigerate</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Molecular Strep A Screen LABSTREPA f</li> </ul>
<p><b>Affirm Vaginitis PCR Panel</b></p>	<p><b>Small, Clear Transport tube with swab</b></p>		<p><b>Room Temp or Refrigerated</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaginal testing for Candida species, Gardnerella vaginalis and Trichomonas vaginalis LABVAGPR</li> </ul>
<p><b>Port – A -Cul Vial</b></p>	<p><b>Clear Tube with media at bottom</b></p>		<p><b>Room Temp</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Body fluid culture LAB6033</li> <li>Anaerobic Culture LAB6080</li> <li><b>*Appropriate for use for abscess collections</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Sterile Screw Top Container</b></p>	<p><b>Sterile Screw Top Container</b></p>		<p><b>Refrigerated</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C. difficile LABCDFIP</li> <li>Urine Culture LAB6002</li> </ul>

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<p>Para-Pak C&amp;S</p> <p>Para-Pak Eco-Fix</p>	<p>Orange Capped Vial</p> <p>Green Capped Vial</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Essentia Health      Mayo</p>	<p>Room Temp</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enteric Pathogen Panel LABENTPA (Orange Top Vial)  <b>*Now includes Giardia and Cryptosporidium plus other parasites</b></li> <li>• Ova and Parasite (Green) LABOAP (Parasite Complete – Mayo)</li> </ul>
<p>Blood Culture Bottles</p>	<p>Thermo Trek Bottles- Central Market</p> <p>BD Bactec Bottles- East and West Market</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Central Market      East &amp; West Markets</p>	<p>Room Temp</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood Culture LAB6029</li> </ul>

Please refer to the online Essentia Health test catalog located on The Source or call your local Essentia Health Microbiology Laboratory for additional collection information