


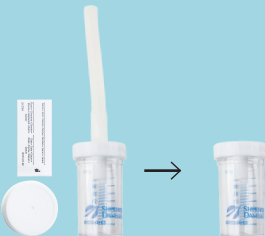









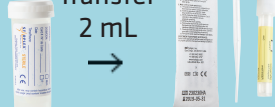


The Correct Swab/Container for the Job

Microbiology Laboratory (Yukon Territory)

Sterile Container/ Sterile Syringe	Swab	Blood Culture	Respiratory Suction		Molecular GC(gonorrhea)/CT(chlamydia) PCR Testing			
<div></div> <p>CSF **</p> <p>BEST option for aerobic, anaerobic and fungal cultures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sputum• Stool for bacterial culture or <i>C. difficile</i> testing• Tissue/biopsies• Sterile body fluids (eg. pleural fluid)• Pus• Fluids from drains <p>Unpreserved, direct specimen in sterile container.</p> <p>Acceptable for mould or mycobacterial culture.</p> <p>** Syringe: Remove needle and cap for transport.</p>	<div></div> <p>Flocked eSwab</p> <p>Use when tissue or fluid cannot be obtained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throat culture• Ear culture• Eye culture• Bacterial vaginosis and/or yeast culture• ARO screens (MRSA, VRE, CPO)• Group B Strep screen• Genital culture• Wound culture <p>Do NOT use for mould or mycobacterial culture.</p> <p>Do NOT use for viral testing.</p>	<div></div> <p>Add 8-10 mL of blood to each bottle.</p> <p>Recommend 2 sets (4 bottles) over 24 hour period.</p> <p>NOTE: Fungal culture requests on blood culture will extend incubation to 21 days.</p>	<div></div> <p>Tracheal and other respiratory specimens using suction. Remove tubing lid and apply white plain lid prior to transport to lab.</p>	<div></div> <p>Transfer 2 mL →</p> <p>Urine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient should not void for 1h prior to collection• Collect the “First Catch” urine, i.e. the first 15-20 mL of urine voided• Midstream urine specimens (i.e. urine C&S) are <u>not</u> suitable for STI testing	<div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Endocervix: - White swab to remove excess mucous → discard, blue swab to collect specimen)• Urethra (blue swab)• Throat• Eye	<div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vaginal• Rectum, [including Lympho-granuloma venereum (LGV)]		
		<p>Urine Culture</p> <div></div> <p>Boric Acid Tube: Sterile transfer to line.</p> <p>MIX WELL - DISSOLVE TABLET.</p>	<p>Stool Culture</p> <div></div> <p>NOT to be used for <i>C. difficile</i> testing.</p>	<p>Stool for <i>C. difficile</i> testing</p> <div></div>	<p>Ova & Parasite (SAF Fixative) Container</p> <div></div> <p>Fecal specimens for O&P examination.</p>	<p>Pediatric Blood Culture</p> <div></div> <p>Refer to WGH Lab Manual.</p>	<p>Trichomonas PCR Testing</p> <div></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vaginal <p>Collect separate swab from GC/CT PCR testing.</p> <div></div> <p>Transfer 2 mL →</p>	
<p>Miscellaneous</p> <p>The following kits/swabs can be obtained from WGH Laboratory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pinworm Paddle• Pertussis Transport Media								

YHC Specimen Aid - August 27, 2025