
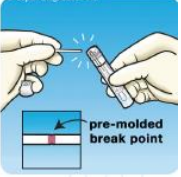
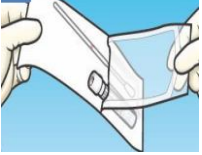





Collection Instructions for Routine Microbiology Culture Using the Single eSwab

Sample types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superficial Eyes • Superficial Ears • Superficial Wounds • Surgical Wounds • Genital • Throat • Single Site MRSA Screens (NOT Nasal Groin) • CPO Screens 				
Before Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain a routine culture eSwab collection package. 				
Collecting the sample	1. 	Wash hands and put on gloves.	4. 	With one hand grasp the swab at the end of it and have the tube in the other hand. Snap the swab at the pre-molded breakpoint as indicated by the colored line into the tube. DISCARD the top of the white swab in an approved medical waste container.	
	2. 	Open the single eSwab collection pouch and remove the swab and tube. Do NOT touch the area below the colored line on the swab. Collect the sample.	5. 	Recap the eSwab tube and secure tightly.	
	3. 	Uncap the tube. Insert the swab all the way to the bottom of the eSwab tube.	6. 	Remove gloves and wash hands.	
	Labelling the sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure to label the collection container with patient FULL Legal Name: Last Name, First Name & Middle Initial, Date of Birth and Personal Health Number or MRN. Origin of Sample (body site or source) • Date of collection • Time of collection • Label must be placed lengthwise on the tube. 			
	Delivering the sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you have completed the collection place the sample in a sealed plastic bag. • For non-COPE sites, place the completed requisition in the outer pocket of the plastic bag. • Do not place requisition inside the sealed section of the bag containing the sample; transport to the lab. <p><u>Samples that are not labeled correctly and/or do not have a completed requisition will be rejected.</u></p>			

Reference Material: Copan Diagnostics