Laboratory Collection Guide for Non-blood Specimens

Refer to our electronic test catalog for our full test menu and complete collection instructions.
https://unitypointfinley.testcatalog.org

Test	Collection Device Name	Special Notes
Bacterial Cultures (aerobe and anaerobe) Fungal Cultures Strep A PCR	ESwab 	The caps may be white, blue, or green depending on the swab size. Write the source on the patient label. Example: Left leg wound.
Chlamydia Gonorrhea Trichomonas Vaginitis Molecular testing	GeneXpert Collection Swab 	Use for female genital specimens, male/female rectal specimens, and male/female throat specimens. For male patients: chlamydia, gonorrhea, and trichomonas is not available on genital specimens. Submit a urine specimen for male patients.

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COVID Influenza A & B RSV Herpes Simplex 1 & 2 Varicella Zoster Mumps	Viral Transport Media (multiple vendors available) 	Also may be called UTM, VTM, or M4 viral media. Write the source on the patient label.
MRSA Nasal Screening MRSA detection from soft tissue wounds		Write the source on the patient label. The soft tissue detection is a molecular (PCR) method and does not replace culture.
Stool Culture GI Filmarray Panel (stool)	Cary Blair Media (Green Cap) 	Fill to the indicator line on the vial. Complete and submit the patient history form with the specimen.

Ova and Parasites (stool)	SAF Media (Black Cap)	Fill to the indicator line on the vial. Complete and submit the patient history form with the specimen.
C diff toxin Fecal leukocytes H. pylori Antigen Norovirus	Sterile Cup	Refrigerate promptly. For C diff toxin: formed stool is not acceptable and will be rejected.
Fecal Occult Blood	iFOB Collection Kit	
Pinworm	Pinworm Paddle	Do not use Scotch tape for collection. Specimen will be rejected.

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