

COMANCHE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL COMMONLY USED COLLECTION CULTURETTES

CONTAINER COLOR	Fill Volume	SIZE	ADDITIVE/ CONCENTRATION	SPECIMEN	COMMON TESTS
Aerobic Blood culture (Adult) Green 	10.0 mL	30 mL	22mL of complex media and 8mL of a charcoal suspension with an average density of 1.0155g/mL	Whole Blood	Adult Blood Culture (Microbiology): Collect Green Only When Short Draw
Anaerobic Blood culture (Adult) Orange 	10.0 mL	40 mL	40mL of media and an internal sensor that detects CO2	Whole Blood	Adult Blood Culture(Microbiology):
Blood culture (Pediatric) Yellow 	0.5 - 4.0 mL	20 mL	16mL of complex media and 4mL of a charcoal suspension with an average density of 1.0215g/mL	Whole Blood	Pediatric Blood Culture (Microbiology)
Wampole Isolator (Adult) Black/Yellow 	7 - 10.0 mL	10 mL	0.7 mL aqueous solution containing 40 mg/mL Purified Saponin, 8 mL/L Polypropylene Glycol, 9.6 g/L SPS	Whole Blood	Blood Culture Fungus (Microbiology)
Wampole Isolator (Pediatric) Yellow 	1.0 - 1.5 mL	1.5 mL	0.1 mL aqueous solution containing 28 mg/mL Purified Saponin, 8 mL/L Polypropylene Glycol, 15.3 g/L SPS	Whole Blood	Blood Culture Fungus (Microbiology)
Yellow Tube / Blue Cap Cup 	8.0 mL	16 x 100mm	UA Tube and Cup- No Additives	Urine	Urinalysis, Urine Chemistries, Urine Culture
Gray 	4.0 mL	13 x 75mm	Urine C&S Preservative: Boric Acid 2.63mg/mL, Sodium Formate 1.65mg/mL and Sodium Borate 2.08mg/mL	Urine	Urine Culture
Orange Cap Red Solution (Para-Pak C&S) 	"Fill to here" line	15mL	15mL of non-nutritive stool transport solution (Agar, phosphate buffer, NaCL, Thioglycolic Acid Sodium Salt, CaCl2, Phenol Red, Water)	Stool	Stool Culture ONLY -> DO NOT REFRIGERATE . Minimum Fill Line
Stool Container (Gray) 	Variable	4 oz	Non-Sterile container. No Additive	Stool	Stool Culture -> DO NOT REFRIGERATE , Must Be Received Within 1 Hour of Collection O&P, Rotavirus, C. difficile -> REFRIGERATE Fecal Leukocytes, Fecal Occult Blood, Gastric Occult Blood
Para-Pak Vials (Gray/Pink/White) 	"Fill to here" line	15 mL	Gray - 15mL of Zn-PVA fixative Pink - 15mL of 10% Formalin preservative White - No Additive	Stool	O&P, Rotavirus, C. difficile -> REFRIGERATE ; Stool Culture -> DO NOT REFRIGERATE , Must Be Received Within 1 Hour of Collection Fecal Leukocytes, Fecal Occult Blood
Nasopharyngeal Wash Kit 	Variable	*	Sterile Blue capped Tube/ Sterile 8 Fr Tubing/ 3mL/5mL Syringe/ Sterile Inhalation Saline (0.9%)/Biohazard Bag	Washings	RSV, Flu A&B, <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> Culture, Routine Aerobic Culture
Sputum culture 	10 mL	50mL	Sputum Collector with built-in 50 mL graduated centrifuge tube - No Additive	Sputum	Sputum culture, Fungus, AFB (10mL required). DO NOT REMOVE 50mL TUBE FROM OUTER CASING.
Universal Viral Transport Medium (Red Screw Cap vial) 	Variable	3 mL	Vial contains Modified Hank's balanced salt solution supplemented with bovine serum albumin, cysteine, gelatin, sucrose and glutamic acid. HEPES buffer, Vancomycin, Amphotericin B, Colistin, Phenol Red	Variable	Flu A&B, Chlamydiae, Mycoplasmas, Ureaplasmas, Other Viruses (e.g. Herpes)
Flu A&B, Strep A, and Rotavirus swab (Purple cap swab) 	Variable	*	Double Swab without transport media	Variable	Flu A&B (nasal), Strep A (throat), Rotavirus (Rectal); Routine Aerobic Cultures (ONLY if Received Within 2-5 Hours of Collection)
eSwab (White cap vial) Routine Aerobic and Anaerobic 	Variable	1mL	Single nylon tip swab. 1 mL Liquid Amies Medium	Variable	Routine Aerobic and Anaerobic Cultures, Group B Strep Cultures, Strep A, Flu A&B (nasal), Stool Cultures (children)
eSwab (Green cap vial) Nasopharyngeal/ Urethral 	Variable	1mL	Single flexible swab. 1mL Liquid Amies Medium	Variable	Nasopharyngeal, Male Urethral, Ear, Nose, Throat, and Eye Cultures
Normal Saline (Black cap vial) 	Variable	1mL	Glass vial with 1mL sterile saline (per liter of purified water 8.5g NaCl), with plastic shaft swab	Variable	Aerobic Cultures, Anaerobic Cultures, Wet Preps -> Must Be Received Within 1 Hour of Collection, DO NOT USE WOODEN SWABS.
Contact A Medical Technologist If You Have Any Questions At All Times, Ext. 3364/3941/3105. IT IS BETTER TO ASK A QUESTION THAN TO USE THE WRONG SWAB.	REMEMBER TO USE APPROPRIATE COLLECTION SWAB AND PROPER COLLECTION TECHNIQUE BASE ON ORDERED TEST.			Record Date, Time, And Initial On ALL culturettes.	