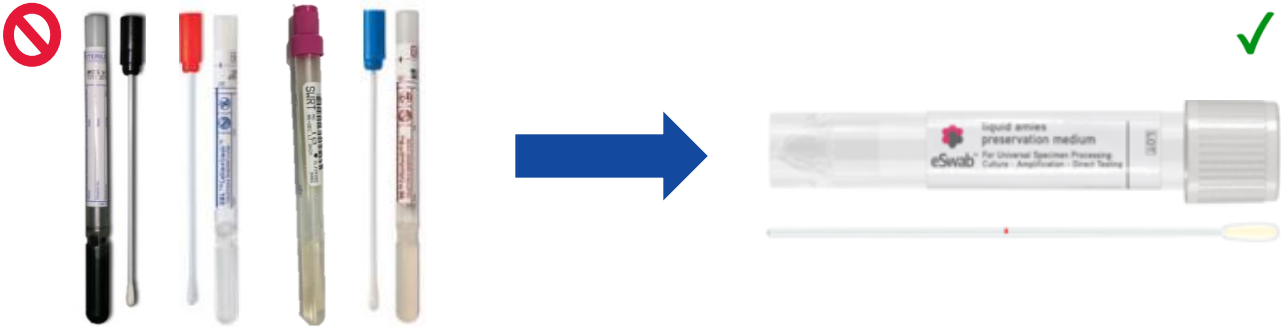


Health Care Provider Bulletin

CHANGES TO MRSA AND VRE SURVEILLANCE SWAB

Dear Health Care Providers,
 Effective February 18th 2024, LifeLabs MRSA and VRE screening tests will change swabs from Amies gel/charcoal swab to Copan **eSwab**.



Important HCP notices:

- This swab is **ONLY** for MRSA and VRE surveillance/screening. All other Microbiology swab collections are to remain unchanged.
- **Collect one swab for each test.** One for MRSA and one for VRE as both tests cannot be combined on one swab.

To order swabs:

- Client order forms will be updated to add this swab. In the meantime, add E-Swab along with item #30002428 in the *Other* section of the order form:

Semen Analysis Kit	Each	10125940
Poly Bag 6 x 9	PK	12640
LTC On-Site Lab Services	PK/100	10149398
Client Phlebotomy Order Form	PD	10092501
Flow Cytometry Requisition	PD/25	10106333
Other		
E-Swab, Microbiology Surveillance/Screening	PK/50	30002428

- Please note, each package contains 50 swabs.

For any questions, please contact LifeLabs Customer Care Center 1-877-849-3637.