







Title: Microbiology Swab and Collection Containers		 British Columbia
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Microbiology Swabs




Swabs and collection containers may be ordered by submitting a Clinic and Healthcare Provider Supply Requisition to LifeLabs or by calling (604) 412-4481 (Lower Mainland), (250) 881-3100 ext. 2124 (Victoria), 1-800-304-4011 ext 2124 (other Island locations) or (250) 374-1644 (Kamloops)

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LifeLabs Swab Collection Containers

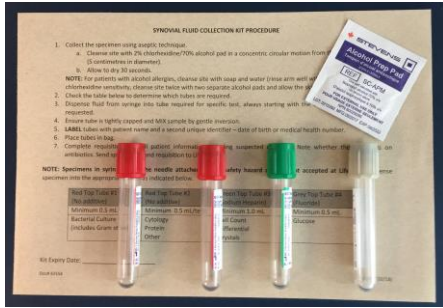
	Culturette – Copan Liquid Amies Single Plastic Swab Routine Bacterial Culture for throats, wounds, vagina, etc. Not for Chlamydia/GC Nucleic acid testing.
	Mini Cultures – Copan Liquid Amies Aluminum Wire Swab (Small tipped swab) Male Urethra Culture – Used for bacterial culture only. Not for Chlamydia/GC Nucleic acid testing.
	Anaerobic Culture Swab and Transport Media Specifically designed for recovery of anaerobic organisms from wounds.
	Aptima Unisex Swab (MALE/FEMALE) and Specimen Transport Tube For collection of cervix, urethra and eye specimens Chlamydia and/or GC Nucleic Acid Testing Not for bacterial culture
	Aptima Multitest Swab and Specimen Transport Tube For collection of vaginal, throat and rectal specimens Chlamydia and/or GC Nucleic Acid Testing Not for bacterial culture

BCCDC Swab Collection Containers – Order directly from BCCDC 604-660-5100

	BCCDC Virus Culture Collection Swab For Herpes and other viral testing. Do not use for CTGC testing
	BCCDC Virus Culture Collection Swab For Viral testing, including Mumps PCR and Measles PCR. Do not use for CTGC testing
	Pertussis Culture Collection Swab

Note: All specimens must be labeled with at least two unique patient identifiers e.g. patient's name **plus** date of birth or patient personal health number. This is a requirement of the Diagnostic Accreditation Program, which governs the operation of all BC Laboratories including LifeLabs. **Date of collection** should also be provided.

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Synovial Fluid Collection Kit: For the collection of Synovial Fluid for Culture, Cell count, Crystals, Differential, Cytology, Protein, Glucose and/or other testing. Collection instructions are included with kit. Use the red-top tube for culture collection.



Dermatophyte Kit (Mycology)
For the collection of skin, hair or nails for Dermatophyte and/or KOH testing.



Stool Collection Kits
For the collection of stool specimens for: Parasitology (SAF colorless fixative) Culture (Cary Blair Medium-pink liquid) *C. difficile* testing (refrigerated clean vial).



Pinworm Collection Kits
Vials with paddles for collection.



Sterile Urine Container (100 mL)
For the collection of urine, sputum or other liquid specimens.



Urine Preservative/Boric Acid Tube – Urine Culture Only
Do not use for urine macroscopic or microscopic



Pediatric Urine Collector: For the collection of urine from infants. Provide a sterile urine container for the transport of the collection bag. Note: Should also be used to prevent urine contamination when collecting stool from infants.