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	ENTP	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	NTOR"	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	Pilit mane	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 trnasport solution (Agar, phosphate buffer, NaCL, Thiologlycolic Acid Sodium Salt, CaCl2, Phenol Red, Water)	Stool	Stool Culture ONLY -> DO NOT REFRIGERATE. Minimum Fill Line
Stool Container		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 Lactoferrin, 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
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	RSV (Nasopharyngeal), Nares Flu A&B (PCR), Chlamydiae, Mycoplasmas, Ureaplasmas, Other Viruses (e.g. Herpes), Culture Viral
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, Stool Cultures (children), Strep A PCR, MRSA, MRSA/SA PCR
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, Bordetella pertussis (NP)
Normal Saline (Black cap vi	al)	Variable	1mL	Glass vial with 1mL sterile saline (per liter of purified water 8.5g NaCl), with plastic shaft swab	Variable	Wet Preps -> Must Be Received Within 1 Hour of Collection, DO NOT USE WOODEN SWABS.
Xpert Swab Collection Kit (Pink screw cap vial)	at leavag	Variable	3mL	1 large sterile cleaning swab, 1 flocked collection swab, Transport Reagent in vial contains Ammonium Chloride (5-8%) and Potassium Chloride (0.5-1%)	Variable	Chlamydia & Gonorrhoeae PCR (CT/NG PCR)
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.		