

Parkview Health will be replacing current sample collection systems for bacteria with COPAN eSwab®.



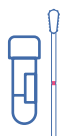
Anaerobic Culture Swab



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eSwab® is a liquid based multipurpose collection and transport system that maintains the viability of aerobic, anaerobic and fastidious bacteria for up to 48 hours.



The eSwab® system collects and releases more specimen than traditional collection and transport swabs, significantly improving patient test results and decreasing the need for repeat testing due to insufficient sample.



eSwab® replaces swabs with just one, eliminating the need to stock multiple types of swabs.

ESWAB® INSTRUCTIONS

- Perform hand hygiene and don appropriate personal protective equipment as necessary.
- Remove the swab from its packaging, holding by the end of the applicator and identify the molded breakpoint.
- Collect the patient sample using the swab. **Avoid touching the swab applicator below the pink molded breakpoint** as this could lead to contamination and incorrect test results.
- Remove the cap from the tube.
- Insert the swab into the tube until the breakpoint is level with the tube opening.
- Holding the tube away from your face, bend the swab shaft until it is perpendicular to the tube to break it off at the breakpoint. **You may need to gently rotate the swab shaft to complete the breakage.**
- Dispose of the swab shaft in the trash.
- **Screw the cap on tightly to prevent leakage.**
- Apply patient identification label or write patient information on the tube label.
- Remove gloves if necessary and perform hand hygiene.
- Follow the standard operating procedures of transport and testing for your facility.

NOTE:

The eSwab® Liquid Amies fluid maintains the viability of diverse bacteria. **Do not send a dry eSwab® as this will lead to unsatisfactory results.**



Specimen collection should be performed by health care personnel who have completed training and demonstrated competency. Always read the manufacturer's package insert for specific instruction regarding specimen collection and transport for the type of test kit being used.