



Elution Swabs™ (ESwabs) for Bacterial and Fungal Culture

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Effective Date: December 5, 2018

Red dual dacron swabs and mini-tip dacron swabs are being replaced by Elution Swabs™ (ESwab) for collecting patient specimens for bacterial and fungal culture. The ESwab collection and liquid transport system will be used to collect those specimens currently collected by regular and mini-tip dacron swabs, as well as specimens for anaerobic bacterial culture.

Regular ESwabs and mini-tip ESwabs will be available beginning December 5, 2018. Supplies of ESwabs will be sent to each site to replace existing dacron swabs as orders for supplies are received. Please use current supplies of dacron swabs until those supplies are exhausted. Conversion to Eswabs will be complete by January 1, 2019.

Swab Type	Collection	Testing
ESwab Mini-Tip (blue)	Nasopharynx, Urethral	Bacterial Culture Anaerobe Culture Pertussis Gonorrhea Culture
ESwab Regular Collection (White)	Throat, Wound, etc.	Bacterial Culture Anaerobic Culture

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