



SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTION FOR GROUP A STREP ESWAB™ DUAL SWAB (FLOCKED + RAYON SWAB)

WHAT IS ESWAB™?

ESwab™ is a liquid-based multi-purpose collection and transport system that maintains viability of aerobic, anaerobic, and fastidious bacteria. The ESwab™ system consists of flocked swab and screw-capped transport tube containing 1 ml of liquid Amies medium.

WHY USE ESWAB™?

ESwab™ collects and releases more specimen, improving recovery of pathogens. The ESwab™ system essentially provides the lab with 1 ml of patient sample, reducing the need to collect multiple swabs and providing a uniform sample for culture.

HOW DO I COLLECT A SPECIMEN WITH DUAL ESWAB™?

- Put on gloves
- Open the peel pouch
- Remove the swabs, to prevent contamination avoid touching the shaft above the pink molded breakpoint
- Collect the patient sample with the swab
- Remove the cap from the tube and insert the **WHITE FLOCKED** swab all the way to the bottom of the tube
- Holding the swab close to the rim of the tube, and keeping the tube away from your face, break the shaft at the pink breakpoint line
- Screw the cap on tightly to prevent leaking
- Dispose of the remainder of the shaft
- Perform rapid group A strep test using the **GREEN RAYON** swab
- If test is negative send place the tube in a specimen biohazard bag – place any requisition in the side pouch and send to lab for reflex testing