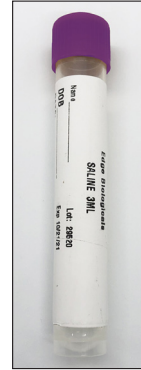
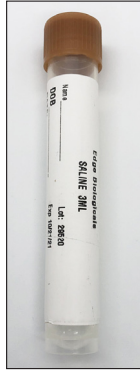


The collection materials below can be used for Assurance testing. Each tube, swab, and container is made for specific uses, which are outlined in this document.

SALINE TUBES (PCR ONLY): Saline tubes accepted for ONLY respiratory PCR testing. Any nylon flocked swab can be used with saline tubes.



AMIES BUFFER TUBES: Amies buffer tubes can be used for both PCR and Culture for any of our panels and can be used with any nylon flocked swab.



SWABS: All of our swabs are nylon flocked. Swab shaft sizes vary. While thinner swabs are designed for ear/nasal samples and thicker swabs are designed for throat/vaginal/stool samples, any nylon flocked swab can be used.



Oral or Urethral Swab



Ear or Nasal Swab



Oral Swab



Ear or Nasal Swab

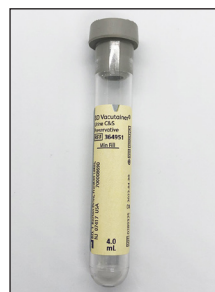


Rectal or Stool Swab

STERILE CONTAINERS:



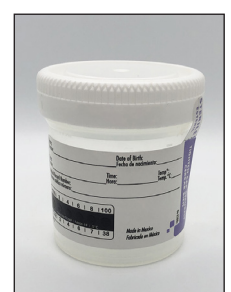
Dry Sterile Tube



Urine Vacutainer



Urine Collection Cup



Toxicology Urine Collection Cup

Respiratory Materials:

Both saline or amies buffer tubes can be used. Any nylon flocked swab can be used, although thinner shaft swabs are designed for nasal/ear samples and thicker swabs are designed for throat samples. Any of these materials can be used to collect throat, nasal, mid-turbinate, oropharyngeal, nasopharyngeal and sputum samples.

UTI Materials:

Collect urine in the collection cup. Only return the vacutainer for testing. If collecting a urethral swab, any nylon flocked swab can be used, although the thicker shaft swabs are used most often. Any amies buffer tube can be used.

Wound/Infection Materials:

Any nylon flocked swab can be used, although those with thicker shafts are preferred. Any amies buffer tube can be used.

Vaginitis Materials:

Any nylon flocked swab can be used, although those with thicker shafts are preferred. Any amies buffer tube can be used.

STI Materials:

Collect urine in the collection cup. Only return the vacutainer for testing. If collecting a urethral swab, any nylon flocked swab can be used, although the thicker shaft swabs are used most often. Any amies buffer tube can be used.

Gastrointestinal Materials:

Any nylon flocked swab can be used, although those with thicker shafts are preferred for rectal or stool swab collection. Any amies buffer tube can be used. Copan Fecal Swab can also be used.



Fungal Infection Materials:

Any nylon flocked swab can be used, although those with thicker shafts are preferred. Any amies buffer tube can be used for swab collection. For skin scraping and nail clippings, use the dry sterile tube.

Toxicology Materials:

Collect urine in toxicology urine collection cup with temperature meter. Return entire cup of urine for testing.