



OTOLARYNGOLOGY PATHOGENS SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS PROVIDED

- 1 sterile swab
- 1 specimen bag
- Specimen collection cup (upon request)
- 1 molecular transport tube
- 1 UPS/FedEx Lab Pak mailer

To request additional supplies, call Customer Care at 505.609.LABS

SPECIMEN COLLECTION

To ensure the safety and validity of a sample it is important to follow these instructions. Don gloves and follow one of the sample collection methods below.

Eyelid/Conjunctival/Other Orbital Area Swabs:

1. Thoroughly swab the area(s) of interest by rotating the swab 5-10 times (fully saturate the swab).
2. For conjunctival or eyelid swabs, separate swabs can be obtained from both eyes, and placed in the same collection tube, or into "Right" and/or "Left" side designated tubes, IF clinically indicated.
3. Immediately place the swab in the molecular transport tube.
4. Snap off excess handle and securely tighten the tube cap.
5. Keep the tube in an upright position for 10 – 15 minutes.

Ocular (anterior/posterior chamber fluid or vitreous fluid) or lacrimal aspirates:

1. Collect fluid/material per standard sterile aspiration method.
2. Eject 0.2-0.5 mL of aspirated fluid/material directly into molecular transport tube.
3. Securely tighten cap on molecular collection tube.
4. Keep the tube in an upright position for 10 – 15 minutes.