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RE: Swab Collection Device Conversion - Microbiology Aerobic and Anaerobic Cultures

Effective December 3, 2019 Sanford Laboratories will begin converting to new ESwab™ collection devices for aerobic and anaerobic Microbiology cultures. One advantage with the conversion is that only one ESwab™ will be required when both aerobic and anaerobic cultures are ordered. (Please note that a representative portion of the specimen - e.g. tissue - submitted in a sterile container is always preferred over swabs for culture).

ESwabs will replace several current swab collection/transport devices. Please refer to the chart on the following page.

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Collect the specimen using the swab provided in the ESwab™ kit. Follow the instructions on the ESwab package for proper placement of swab into the collection tube.

Conversion will begin December 3, 2019. Sanford Laboratories will accept old swab collection devices through Jan 15, 2020 to allow departments to use up current supplies.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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New Swab Collection Devices for Aerobic and Anaerobic Cultures* (Effective 12-3-2019)

Examples of Old Swab Collection Devices for Culture

- BBL CultureSwab Dual Liq. Stuart (Aerobic)
  Lawson # 6117712

- BD Anaerobic Vacutainer
  Lawson # 6172461

- BBL Culture swab mini-tip
  Lawson # 6175762

New Swab Culture Collection Devices

- ESwab™ (KT COLLT COPAN ESWAB REG WHT)
  Lawson stock number: 6264320

- ESwab™ Mini-tip (SWAB COLLT FLEX MINI-TIP)
  Lawson stock number: 6243783
  For sources requiring smaller swabs (e.g. nasopharyngeal)

*Note: Swabs are not acceptable for Acid Fast or Fungal cultures