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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 attached.**

New	Replaces
ESwab™ (KT CLLT COPAN ESWAB REG WHT) Lawson #6264320	BBL CultureSwab - Lawson #6117712** BBL CultureSwab Plus Amies Charcoal– Lawson #6192119 StarPlex StarSwab Anaerobic system – Lawson #6187166 BD Anaerobic Vacutainer – Lawson #6172461 Anaerobe Systems Transport Media – Lawson #6252428 and #6252429 BBL CultureSwab Plus Amies W/O Charcoal Anaerobic Lawson #6118651
ESwab™ Minitip (SWAB COLLT FLEX MINITIP) Lawson #6243783	BactiSwab NPG Mini-tip– Lawson number #6130298

****Note:** The BBL CultureSwab Double (red cap) – Lawson #6117712 - will still be used for a limited number of other tests so it is recommended that departments keep a small supply on hand.

Action Required:

- To add the *ESwab™* collection devices to your supply cart:
 - Complete a [Supply Chain Request](#)
 - Choose Category “Supplies.”
 - Provide the Lawson number
 - *ESwab* kit (KT COLLT COPAN ESWAB REG WHT) – Lawson #6264320
 - *ESwab* Minitip (SWAB COLLT FLEX MINITIP) – Lawson #6243783
 - Provide Estimated monthly usage
- *ESwab™* collection devices can also be ordered on demand directly from the warehouse

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.

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