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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**.

New	Replaces
ESwab™ (KT CLLT COPAN ESWAB REG WHT) Lawson #6264320	BBL CultureSwab - Lawson #6117712 BD Anaerobic Vacutainer - Lawson #6172461 BBL Culture Swab Single - Lawson #6175762
ESwab™ Minitip (SWAB COLLT FLEX MINITIP) Lawson #6243783	

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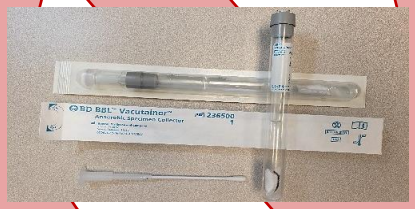
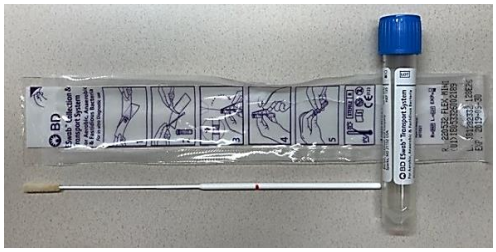
New Swab Collection Devices for Aerobic and Anaerobic Cultures* (Effective 12-3-2019)

Examples of Old Swab Collection Devices for Culture	***New Swab Culture Collection Devices***
BBL CultureSwab Dual Liq. Stuart (Aerobic) Lawson # 6117712  BD Anaerobic Vacutainer Lawson # 6172461  BBL Culture swab mini-tip Lawson # 6175762 	***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*