

New eSwab Liquid Based Aerobic Collection and Transport System to Replace Conventional Aerobic Swabs

The St. John Providence Laboratory will be gradually replacing the current BBL Culture Swab with the Copan eSwab. The Copan eSwab is a Liquid based multipurpose collection and transport system intended for the collection and transport of clinical specimens containing aerobes and fastidious bacteria from the collection site to the testing laboratory. This new system incorporates a modified Liquid Amies transporting medium, which can sustain the viability of a plurality of organisms. The system also includes a flocked nylon fiber tipped applicator designed for better recovery of organisms during laboratory testing.

*NOTE: Although the swabs are labeled for anaerobic use, they have not been validated for anaerobic cultures. Please continue to use the standard BBL Port A Cul or Remel ACT Anaerobic Transport systems for anaerobic culture requests.

The new eSwab has easy to follow picture instructions for collection printed on each pack. The steps for collection are included below. Also, please refer to the link provided for video instructions on collection.

Collection Instructions:

1. Open the eSwab sample collection pouch and remove the tube and swab.
 2. Collect the sample from the patient.
 3. Aseptically unscrew and remove the cap from the tube.
 4. Insert the swab into the tube and break the swab shaft at the breakpoint indicated by the colored line marked on the swab shaft. Discard the broken handle part of the swab shaft into an approved medical waste disposal container.
 5. Replace cap on the tube and secure tightly.
 6. Write patient information on the tube label or apply patient identification label. Send the sample to the test laboratory.
- Use this YouTube video link for a visual instruction: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=vOjAWgSJvh4>



New Copan eSwab



Current/Old BBL Culture Swab

If you have any questions regarding the new Copan eSwab, please contact, Ted E. Schutzbank, PhD, at 313.343.3239.