

## LAB ALERT

### ESwab Replacing Red Culturette Swabs for Culture Collection

Dear Regional Pathology Services Clients,

Starting January 1, 2023, RPS will only accept ESwab collection device in place of the aerobic red culturette swab. The universal ESwab was introduced in our microbiology laboratory about a year ago and we will be fully transitioning to ESwab collection device for **aerobic, anaerobic, mycoplasma, ureaplasma and fungal cultures.**

You may use your current supply of the aerobic red culturette swabs until January 1, 2023. After this date specimens submitted using the red culturette swabs will require a re-collection in an ESwab.

The [Copan Liquid Amies Elution Swab \(ESwab\)](#), Watch the collection video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOjAWgSJvh4> is a multi-purpose collection and transportation system that maintains the viability of a variety of microorganisms in clinical specimens for up to 48 hours at room or refrigerated temperatures. The ESwab has demonstrated equivalent if not superior performance when compared to other transport medium systems, based on manufacturer and in-house evaluations, and is similar in cost to other culturette swabs while delivering a broader functionality.

<b>RPS Supply</b>	<b>Collection Tube</b>
MICRO124	ESwab, White, Regular Flocked Swab w/Liquid Amies
MICRO125	ESwab, White, Minitip Flocked Swab w/Liquid Amies

<b>Eswab can be used for the following tests</b>	
AERCU	Culture, Aerobic (includes Gram Stain)
ANACU	Culture, Aerobic and Anaerobic (includes Gram Stain)
GBMCU	Culture, Streptococcus Group B, Penicillin allergic patient
FUNCU	Culture, Fungus
FUNDCU	Culture, Fungus-Dermatophyte, Skin
GBSCU	Culture, Streptococcus Group B
MRSCU	Culture, Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)
SINCU	Culture, Sinus (includes Gram Stain)
STRSC	Culture, Streptococcus Group A

If you have any questions or issues please contact client services at 402-559-6420 and ask to speak with one of the client coordinators.