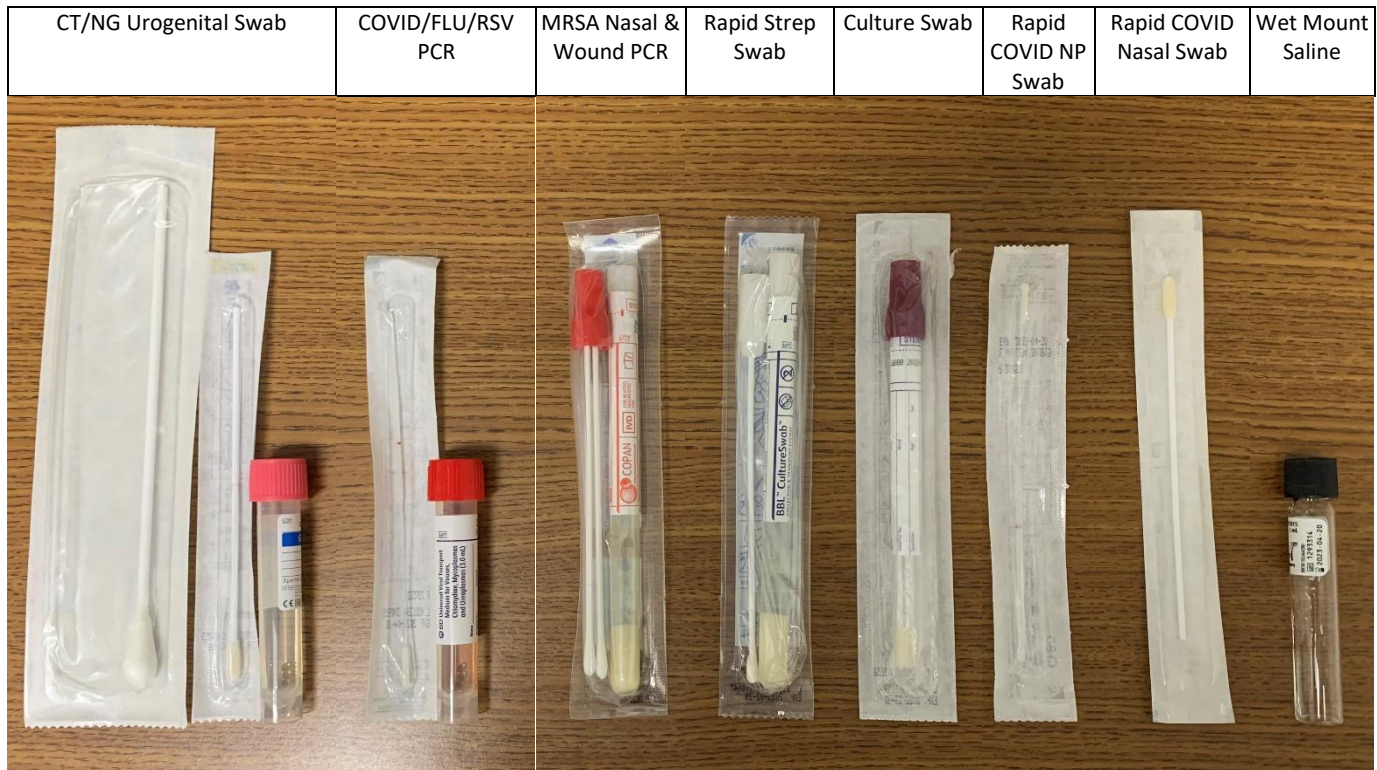


Laboratory Collection Swabs

It is important to know your laboratory collection swabs so that you obtain the correct sample with the correct swab in an accurate and timely manner. Here is a quick summary of the swabs we use at BAH.



CT/NG urogenital swabs kit: For Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoea. *For collection and transport of female urogenital specimens only.* Submit 20-50mls of dirty catch urine as an alternate method (male and female).

Xpert Viral Transport Medium: For FLU, RSV, and COVID. *For collection and transport of nasopharyngeal swab specimens, use only the Xpert Nasopharyngeal Sample Collection Kit.* Nasal aspirate/wash (N A/W) specimens and NP swab specimens can be collected following the user institution's standard procedures and placed into the Xpert Viral Transport Medium. Same transport vial is used for the Covid-19 Antigen Vitros method (nasal and NP).

Red Swabs: Are used for molecular MRSA and Staph aureus nasal and wound screens. They contain two swabs. Keep swabs together, swab with both, then insert both swabs attached to the red cap into the sponge medium.

White Swab: They are Rayon and only contain one swab. They are used for obtaining Rapid Strep A specimens.

Purple Swabs: Are used only for culture specimen collection. Use of these is unacceptable for rapid tests and molecular tests.

Nasal swab (rigid): Use for rapid COVID testing.

Nasopharyngeal swab (flexible): Use for rapid COVID testing.

Wet Mount Saline: Place one culture swab or one cotton top swab in the saline. Specimens must be returned to lab immediately.