



WOUND PATHOGEN PANEL

Collection Instructions

Materials Required

- 1 Sterile swab
- 1 Sterile virus transport media (collection tube)
- 1 Biohazard bag
- 2 Barcode labels
- 1 Parafilm sealing sheet
- 1 Absorbent sheet

• Return supplies:

- UN3373 Biological substance, Category "B" stamped FedEx Clinical pak
- Corrugated return box
- FedEx Return label

Collection Procedures

SPECIMEN COLLECTION

1. Remove sterile swab from collection kit being careful not to contaminate the tip.
2. Follow one of the sample collection methods below based upon the type of wound:
 - **Decubitus Ulcer**
 - a. Roll the sterile swab directly across the affected area until saturated
 - b. Proceed to step 3
 - **Abscess with Skin Intact**
 - a. Use sterile needle/syringe to aspirate approximately 1ml of purulent material
 - b. Eject aspirated material into sterile collection cup
 - c. Roll sterile swab in collection cup to saturate swab
 - d. Proceed to step 3
 - **Abscess with Open Skin/Sinus Tract**
 - a. Wipe skin around opening with 70% ethanol or equivalent
 - b. Roll sterile swab with purulent material within abscess/sinus and ensure it is saturated
 - c. Proceed to step 3
3. Place swab in collection tube, swirl the swab in the solution 5 times, break at indentation mark and recap (with the swab in the tube).
4. Keep the collection tube in the upright position for 10-15 minutes before sending for testing.

Safety Information:

- Always wear appropriate protective equipment when handling any clinical specimen. These include lab coats, disposable gloves, and a face mask.
- Do not touch your face when handling specimens. Periodically change gloves and disinfect surfaces with 10% bleach and 70% ethanol.
- Always wash hands thoroughly with soap after handling specimens.