New Microbiology Collection Tubes

UVMMC is introducing a new swab for use as a collection device for Microbiology testing. Flocked swabs (FloqSwab) have been shown to improve the quality of sample collection. In contrast to other cotton swabs which entrap sample material, the specimen stays close to the surface of the flocked swab and is released into the liquid media which is then used for testing.

The new collection devices will be available June 15, 2016. During the transition phase, swabs currently in use will be accepted.

**NEW BACTERIAL, FUNGAL (YEAST) COLLECTION KIT**
White cap tube w/ liquid Amies media and a regular ESwab (included)

**USE FOR:** Wounds, MRSA PCR, Group B strep PCR, throat Strep screen, Fungal (yeast), vaginitis exam and *Trichomonas* antigen

**MEDICLICK ORDER INFO:** Aperek #55760

**NEW VIRAL COLLECTION KIT**
Red Cap M6 media with a Flexible FloqSwab (included)

**USE FOR:** Viral Molecular (PCR) detection

**MEDICLICK ORDER INFO:** Aperek #78342

**PLEASE NOTE THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THE COLLECTION VIALS AND SWABS PRIOR TO USE.**
Collection kits are stored at room temperature, after inoculation vials are stored refrigerated.

**WOODEN SWABS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE:**
Chemicals used during manufacturing of wooden swabs may be toxic to infectious agents. Do not use wooden swabs.
New Microbiology
Flock Swab/ESwab Instructions

1. Perform hand hygiene and put on gloves.
2. Perform positive patient identification.
3. Open the peel pouch
4. Remove the Swab
5. Collect the patient sample using the swab. Avoid touching the swab applicator below the pink molded breakpoint as this could lead to contamination and incorrect test results.
6. Remove the screw cap from the tube and insert the swab all the way to the bottom of the tube.

NOTE:
• Do not send a dry Flock Swab as this will lead to unsatisfactory results.
• If the tube spills its contents prior to inserting the swab the liquid is non-toxic. Simply put the swab into another tube before sending it to the laboratory and discard the spilled tube.

7. Holding the swab shaft close to the rim of the tube, and keeping the tube away from your face, break the applicator shaft at the pink breakpoint indication line.
8. Screw the cap on tightly to prevent leakage.
9. Dispose of the swab shaft in a regular trash receptacle.
10. Label vial with 2 patient identifiers (such as full name, MRN, or date of birth).
11. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.