



RESPIRATORY VIRUS SPECIMEN COLLECTION Purple Cap Swab Collection Set

PURPLE = RESPIRATORY VIRUS/BACTERIA
e.g. SARS-CoV-2, Influenza, RSV, Pertussis, and Measles

A liquid based collection and transport swab is to be used for molecular **SARS-CoV-2, Influenza, RSV, Pertussis, and Measles testing.**

The swab is the **PURPLE Cap** Copan UTM (Universal Transport Medium) collection set.

It should be noted that the UTM collection kit packaging indicates it can be used for a variety of other tests, but it will **ONLY** be used for the tests indicated above.

What does the swab look like?

The Copan UTM swab has **PURPLE** screw cap, **RED** liquid and the required nasopharyngeal (flexible shaft) swab in the kit.



Please ensure all existing stock of **nasopharyngeal viral swabs** are checked. **Any kits with a different coloured cap to purple need to be discarded,** either disposed of in waste bin or returned to Pathlab.

GREEN = GENERAL VIRUS (e.g. HSV, VZV)

For **all general virus testing (e.g. HSV, VZV)** use the **green ViroCult collection kit (rigid shaft swab).**

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