SANFORD Laboratories

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RE: Important information for Group A Streptococcus Testing Changes
Effective: 12/03/2019

Required Action for Departments that Collect Specimens for Strep A Testing:

Complete a Supply Chain Request if you want to add the collection devices to your supply cart.

- Choose Category "Supplies."
- Provide Lawson number of new device: ESwab™ kit
  - Regular flocked swab with 1 mL liquid Amies (R723480) - Lawson 6264320 (for moderately complex labs)
- Provide Estimated monthly usage

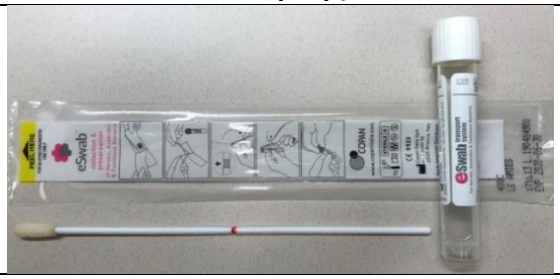
If you do not need them stocked on a supply cart you can order the collection devices directly from the warehouse.

Please make sure to have these devices on hand before the December 3rd implementation date.

Sanford Laboratories is replacing NBLD0235 Rapid Strep Group A Screen (a rapid antigen test) with a new and more accurate molecular test GROUP A STREPTOCOCCUS BY NAT NBLD0533. Currently, testing for Group A Streptococcus begins with rapid antigen testing. If antigen testing is positive, patients can be treated immediately with antibiotics. However, because of inadequate analytical sensitivity, negative rapid antigen tests must be confirmed with additional testing, either bacterial culture or molecular testing. The new test will **not** require confirmation.

Collection Device:

A new collection device is required for the molecular assay and must be available to clinicians for collection of the pharyngeal specimen. This device will replace the dual swab culturette (red top) Lawson 6117712, however, you must retain a small number of these swabs for a few other tests.

Moderately Complex Cepheid Instrument (Desktop or Laptop)

ESwab™ (White Cap) Collection Device
Lawson 6264320

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