

Date: November 13, 2019

**RE: Swab Collection Device Conversion - Microbiology Aerobic and Anaerobic Cultures**

**Effective December 3, 2019** Sanford Laboratories will begin converting to new *ESwab™* collection devices for aerobic and anaerobic Microbiology cultures. One advantage with the conversion is that only one *ESwab™* will be required when both aerobic and anaerobic cultures are ordered. *(Please note that a representative portion of the specimen - e.g. tissue - submitted in a sterile container is always preferred over swabs for culture).*

ESwabs will replace several current swab collection/transport devices. **Please refer to the chart on the following page.**

| New   | Replaces   |
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| ESwab™ (KT CLLT COPAN ESWAB REG WHT)<br>Lawson #6264320     | BBL CultureSwab - Lawson #6117712<br>BD Anaerobic Vacutainer - Lawson #6172461 |
| ESwab™ Minitip (SWAB COLLT FLEX MINITIP)<br>Lawson #6243783 | BBL Culture Swab Single - Lawson #6175762                                      |

Collect the specimen using the swab provided in the *ESwab™* kit. Follow the instructions on the *ESwab* package for proper placement of swab into the collection tube.

***Conversion will begin December 3, 2019. Sanford Laboratories will accept old swab collection devices through Jan 15, 2020 to allow departments to use up current supplies.***

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

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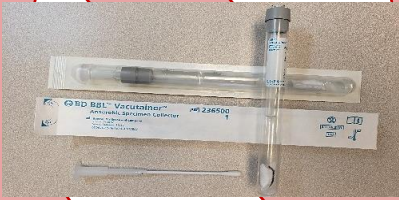
# New Swab Collection Devices for Aerobic and Anaerobic Cultures\* (Effective 12-3-2019)

## Examples of Old Swab Collection Devices *for Culture*

BBL CultureSwab Dual Liq. Stuart (Aerobic)  
Lawson # 6117712



BD Anaerobic Vacutainer  
Lawson # 6172461



BBL Culture swab mini-tip  
Lawson # 6175762



## New Swab *Culture* Collection Devices

**ESwab™ (KT COLLT COPAN ESWAB REG WHT)**  
Lawson stock number: 6264320



**ESwab™ Mini-tip (SWAB COLLT FLEX MINI-TIP)**  
Lawson stock number: 6243783  
For sources requiring smaller swabs (e.g. nasopharyngeal)



**\*Note: Swabs are not acceptable for Acid Fast or Fungal cultures**