

## Supplies

- ▶ 1 sterile thick swab
- ▶ 1 molecular transport tube
- ▶ 1 specimen bag

To ensure safety and validity of the sample it is important to follow these instructions.

## Wound Swab

### *Decubitis Ulcer or Other Open Wounds*

1. Debride 1 cm<sup>2</sup> of the wound.
2. Roll the swab directly across the affected area with enough force to produce fluid or blood and until the swab saturated, approximately 5 seconds.
3. Place the swab in the molecular transport tube.
4. Swirl the swab in the solution 5 times.
5. Break the swab handle at the indentation mark and recap the tube retaining the swab in the tube.
6. Snap off excess handle and securely tighten top of the transport tube with the swab remaining in the tube.

### *Abscess with Open Skin*

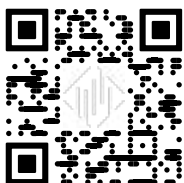
1. Debride 1 cm<sup>2</sup> of the wound.
2. Roll sterile swab within abscess/sinus with purulent material and ensure the swab is fully saturated. Enough force should be applied to produce blood or fluid from the wound.
3. Place the swab in the molecular transport tube.
4. Swirl the swab in the solution 5 times.
5. Break the swab handle at the indentation mark and recap the tube retaining the swab in the tube.
6. Snap off excess handle and securely tighten top of the transport tube with the swab remaining in the tube.

### *Vesicular Dermatitis Lesion*

1. Carefully open the lesion with a scalpel blade.
2. Collect fluid contents on the swab.
3. Thoroughly swab the base. The 'roof tissue' of the vesicle can be carefully removed and submitted in same tube.
4. Place all material in the molecular collection tube.
5. Snap off excess handle and securely tighten tube cap with the swab remaining in the tube.

### *Cellulitis/Tinea/Skin Rash*

1. Gently scrape the affected area with a sterile scalpel blade.
2. Vigorously swab the scraped/affected area with the swab.
3. Using the same swab, collect any material on the scalpel blade.
4. Place the swab in the molecular transport tube.
5. Swirl the swab in the solution 5 times.
6. Break the swab handle at the indentation mark and recap the tube retaining the swab in the tube.
7. Snap off excess handle and securely tighten top of the transport tube.



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