

Liquid Amies Elution Swab (ESwab) Collection and Transport System Instructions

Specimen Collection

Proper specimen collection from the patient is extremely critical for successful isolation and identification of infectious organisms. **Note: swab should not be bent prior to sample collection.**

1. Open the BD ESwab sample collection kit and remove the tube and the swab applicator.
2. Collect the specimen from the patient. The operator must not touch the area below the marked breakpoint indication line of the applicator, doing so would contaminate the applicator shaft and would invalidate the culture results.
3. Aseptically unscrew and remove the cap from the tube.
4. Insert the swab into the tube and bend the swab shaft at the breakpoint (indicated by the colored line marked on the swab shaft) against the tube to break the shaft. Discard the broken handle part of the swab shaft into an approved medical waste disposal container.
5. Replace cap on the tube and secure tightly. The action of screwing the cap onto the tube moves the end of the broken swab shaft into a funnel-shaped, molded docking receptacle in the cap. This molded funnel shape captures the end of the broken applicator shaft and secures it firmly for the laboratory.
6. Write patient information on the tube label or apply patient identification label. Send the specimen to the laboratory.