



Collecting and Preparing a Wound Swab Specimen

1. On the outside of a wound swab transport tube, write the patient's name and date of birth.
2. Using the swab, collect pus and external areas around the wound.
3. Place the swab back into the transport tube and break the swab where indicated.
4. If ordering the test through the portal, generate a barcode label for the patient's specimen. Place a label on each specimen tube.
5. Place the buccal specimens in a biohazard zip closure bag. Ensure the biohazard zip closure bag is completely sealed.
6. Place any requisition/accompanying paperwork in the outside pocket of the biohazard zip closure bag.
7. Place all biohazard zip closure bags inside of a UPS Laboratory Pak bag.
8. Seal the UPS Laboratory Pak bag. Apply a pre-paid return label from Qitek Labs to the outside of the bag.
9. Allow UPS to pick up the package.