

eSwab Specimen
Collection Instructions



### **Medical Precautions:**

- If you are experiencing high fever, red streaks around the wound area, or difficulty breathing since receiving the wound - please seek medical attention immediately.
- If currently using biocides, cleaning agents, or Lidocaine: do NOT get this on the swab sample as it will degrade the DNA during transport

# **What Happens Next:**

- **1.** Once your sample is received and passes the quality check, the lab will begin to process your sample.
- **2.** A board-certified physician will review your results and securely transmit them back to us.
- **3.** You will receive an emails as soon as your results are ready.

# **Getting Started**

Accurate results start with a properly collected specimen. Please review the specimen collection instructions thoroughly before you begin.

#### Tips to ensure a proper collection:

- Ensure the wound area is clean
- Remove any ointments or medicine from the testing area
- Avoid antibiotics for two days prior to collection for optimal results. If this is not possible, this test can still be taken

### Step 1: Prep

1. Lay out all the contents of your kit.

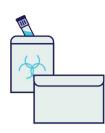


- 2. Peel and stick the Barcode ID sticker to the collection tube. Leave the dry swab in the packaging until ready to collect your specimen
  - 3. Use the gauze and alcohol pad to lightly wipe and cleanse the wounded area.

### **Step 2: Collect**

- 1. Remove the swab from the packaging, ensuring hands do not touch the tip of the swab.
- 2. Roll the swab over the wound, applying minimal pressure. Try to obtain as much material on the swab to ensure a conclusive sample.
- 3. Unscrew and remove the cap from the collection tube, careful to not spill any of the liquid.
- 4. Insert the swab into the collection tube.
- 5. Bend the swab shaft at the colored ink breakpoint mark to break off the excess shaft.
- 6. Replace cap onto the collection tube and tightly seal.

# Step 3: Return



- 1. Place the collection tube into the biohazard bag with the absorbent pad, then seal the bag.
- 2. Enclose the biohazard bag within the crush-proof box, and place it into the return shipping envelope.
- 3. Ship the specimen to the lab.

