







Swab Reference Table

Bug	Swab	Location(s)	Oaxis order entry
MRSA		DIP SWAB IN GEL FIRST, THEN RUB SWAB IN SITE. SEPARATE SWABS FOR SKIN : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any wound Any ostomy (including trach) In nares Umbilicus if < 28 days of life 	"MRSA SCREEN" – choose site (Print separate label for each site)
VRE		Rectal swab or swab of colostomy (tip must be visibly soiled with stool) OR Swab dipped in stool : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From diaper, or ostomy For patients with contraindication to rectal swabs 	"VRE SCREEN – ECOUVILLON RECTAL/RECTAL SWAB" OR "VRE SCREEN – SELLES/STOOL"
KPC		Rectal swab or swab of colostomy (tip must be visibly soiled with stool) OR Swab dipped in stool : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From diaper, or ostomy For patients with contraindication to rectal swabs 	"KPC SCREENING"
Serratia		ALL PATIENTS: Rectal swab or swab of colostomy (tip must be visibly soiled with stool) OR For patients with contraindications to rectal swabs, swab dipped in stool from diaper or ostomy bag	"WOUND/SKIN BACTERIAL CULTURE" ➤ Specimen type: "Specified in Comment" ➤ Specimen site: "Rectal" ➤ Order comment: "Rectal swab, rule out Serratia" ➤ Write "S" on the sticker before sending to the lab
ONLY SEND WEEKDAYS BETWEEN 8 A.M. and 4 P.M.		Additionally, INTUBATED/TRACHED patients: SPUTUM culture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretions suctioned from ETT or trach using sterile kit, into mucous trap. Rinse sputum into mucous trap with sterile saline (NOT pink viral medium). 	"SPUTUM BACTERIAL CULTURE" ➤ Specimen type: "Sputum" ➤ Specimen site: "Trachea" ➤ Order comments: "Rule out Serratia" ➤ Write "S" on the sticker before sending to the lab
NPA for respiratory viruses (RSV, rhinovirus, enterovirus, etc.)		SPUTUM for virology: Secretions suctioned from nasopharynx or trach using sterile kit, into mucous trap. ** IF PATIENT INTUBATED, DO NOT SEND ETT SECRETIONS – must be from nasopharynx** Rinse sputum into mucous trap with pink viral medium.	"RESPIRATORY VIRUS PCR"