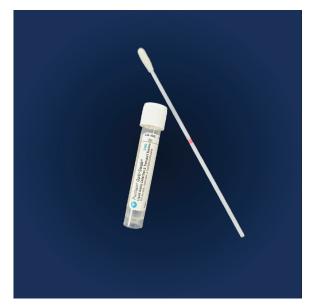
Wound & STI Lesion COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

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MATERIALS PROVIDED

1 Sterile Swab | 1 Biohazard Bag | 1 Liquid Amies Transport Media Tube | Ice Pack(s) | 1 Lab Pak Mailer

CLINICAL PROCEDURE

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

- 1. Label the transport tube with two unique patient identifiers. Confirm identity with the patient.
- 2. Put on gloves.
- 3. Remove sterile swab from collection kit being careful not to contaminate the tip.
- 4. Follow one of the sample collection methods below based upon the type of wound:
 - a. Decubitus ulcer: roll the sterile swab directly across the affected area until saturated. Proceed to step 5.
 - b. Abscess with skin intact:
 - i. Use sterile needle/syringe to aspirate approximately 1 mL of purulent material.
 - ii. Eject aspirated material into sterile collection cup.
 - iii. Roll sterile swab in collection cup to saturate swab. Proceed to step 5.
 - c. Abscess with open skin/sinus tract:
 - i. Wipe skin around opening with 70% ethanol or equivalent.
 - ii. Roll sterile swab with purulent material within abscess/sinus and ensure it is saturated.
 - d. STI Lesion
 - i. Using a sterile swab, vigorously swab the base of the unroofed lesion
 - ii. Apply enough pressure to collect vesicular fluid and/or epithelial cells
- 5. Place the swab in the Liquid Amies transport tube.
- 6. Swirl the swab in the solution 5 times.
- 7. Break the swab handle at the indentation mark and recap the tube (with the swab remaining in the tube).
- 8. Place the transport tube into the provided biohazard bag.
- 9. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.
- 10. Place all samples collected for the day into the provided Lab Pak mailer. Make sure to include ice pack(s). Seal the mailer and place a shipping label on the outside.
- 11. Do not hold samples. Ship all samples collected on the same day as collection.