



	Respiratory SWAB	Respiratory SPUTUM	Wound SWAB	Wound TISSUE	Nail CLIPPING	Stool/Rectal SWAB	Urine SWAB
Materials:	6 x 9 Bio-Hazard bag 6" Sterile Flock Swab	6 x 9 Bio-Hazard bag Sterile Specimen Cup	6 x 9 Bio-Hazard bag 6" Sterile Flock Swab	6 x 9 Bio-Hazard bag Sterile Specimen Cup	6 x 9 Bio-Hazard bag Sterile Specimen Cup Alcohol Wipe	6 x 9 Bio-Hazard bag 6" Sterile Flock Swab +/-Commode Spec COL	6 x 9 Bio-Hazard bag 6" Sterile Flock Swab Antiseptic Towelette +/- Sterile Specimen Cup
Labeling:	Each tube or container should be labeled with 2 patient identifiers . Ex: First initial, Last Name and DOB						
Procedure:	<p>Clinical Staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ask patient to tilt head back 70 degrees. Remove swab from tube and insert swab into one nostril. (Swab should reach depth equal to distance from nostrils to outer opening of the ear.) Leave swab in place for several seconds to absorb secretions. Slowly remove swab while rotating it. Repeat in other nostril. (Swab both nostrils with same swab.) Insert the swab into the transport tube. Replace the cap securely. 	<p>Patient</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The best sputum specimen is in the AM before breakfast. Wash hands with soap & water. Rinse mouth with water. Avoid mouthwash or toothpaste. Cough directly into the specimen container. Replace the cap securely and hand the cup to a clinical staff member. 	<p>Clinical Staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clean and debride the wound using sterile gauze and saline. Remove swab from tube. Rub the swab on the area to be tested. Any infectious site can be swabbed. Insert the swab into the transport tube. Replace the cap securely. 	<p>Clinical Staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clean & debride the wound using sterile gauze and saline. Obtain a small amount of tissue via a sterile sampling technique. Place the tissue sample in the sterile specimen cup. Any infectious site can be sampled. Replace the cap securely. 	<p>Clinical Staff</p> <p>Nail Clipping</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clean nail with alcohol wipe. Only use sterile nail clippers. Rinse with saline prior to using. Clip infected nail. Remove the lid from the sterile cup. Place nail clipping(s) in the sterile specimen cup. Replace the cap securely. <p>Nail Shavings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If enough nail is not available to clip, use a sterile blade to scrape the top of the nail. Place nail shavings in the sterile specimen cup. Replace the cap securely. 	<p>Clinical Staff (Rectal)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remove swab from tube. Insert swab into patient's rectum and swab the first 2 inches of the internal anal canal. Remove swab from anal canal, insert swab into transport tube and replace cap securely. <p>Patient (Stool)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Collect stool in commode spec COL. Remove swab from tube and pass through stool sample. Carefully insert the swab back into the transport tube. Replace the cap securely and hand the tube to a clinical staff member. Wash hands with soap & water. 	<p>Patient</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands with soap & water. Remove the lid from sterile cup. Use antiseptic towelette to gently wipe the periurethral area (female) or the glans penis area (male). Urinate into toilet for a few seconds and then place sterile cup in path of urine to fill sterile cup ½ full. Hand the cup to a clinical staff member. <p>Clinical Staff</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Take the sterile swab out of tube and place in the urine for 30 sec to soak swab. Carefully, insert the swab back into the transport tube. Replace the cap securely. Discard excess urine & cup.
Shipping:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Place tube with swab in the biohazard bag. If patient info has not been entered electronically into the Vikor Scientific portal, complete the paper requisition and place in the side pocket of the biohazard bag. If patient info has been entered electronically, print the bar code label and place the label on the biohazard bag. Place the biohazard bag in the preaddressed/prepaid return envelope and seal. It is okay to place several sealed biohazard bags in the same preaddressed/prepaid return envelope. For Friday shipments, please make sure the label is for Saturday delivery. Please retain the shipping tracking # for your records. 						

Other Considerations: Each biohazard bag must only contain one patient sample.