

GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE

SAMPLE COLLECTION - SWAB - WOUND

BEFORE COLLECTION

- ◆ Train on procedure
- ◆ Check requisition and patient ID
- ◆ Get supplies
 - Sterile Dacron swab - alcohol wipes - holding media or culture plates
- ◆ Label media or culture plates
 - Patient name, unique identifier, date and time collected
- ◆ Wash hands and put on gloves

COLLECTION

- ◆ Cleanse the wound site and surrounding skin with alcohol wipe - Air dry
- ◆ Remove crusty scabs or surface debris
- ◆ Roll swab in the interior of the wound.
 - Avoid contaminating swab with normal skin bacteria

AFTER COLLECTION

- ◆ Place swab in holding media or roll over top 1/3 of culture plates
- ◆ Discard collection materials in biohazard container
- ◆ Process, store or transport sample(s) as required by testing laboratory
- ◆ Remove gloves dispose in biohazard container - wash hands

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