

Wound Collection Guide 2022

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR COLLECTION

- (1) Requisition (Electronic or Paper)
- (1) Pair gloves and other PPE required
- (1) Wound ESwab (Green Top) or MTM Universal Swab (Clear Top)
- (1) 70% Alcohol or Sterile Saline
- (1) Specimen biohazard bag

SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

LABEL SPECIMEN TUBE, FILL OUT TESTING ORDER

- Label specimen tube with the patient's full legal name and DOB.
- **Improperly labeled tubes will cause a rejection.**
- Electronic ordering - <https://innovativegx.limsabc.com/>
- **Not providing proper demographics, insurance information, copy of insurance card front and back, ICD-10 codes with provider signature may cause a rejection**



STEP 2

COLLECTING THE SPECIMEN

- Open collection kit and remove swab. Do not touch the soft tip or lay down the swab.
- **If the swab is touched, dropped, or laid down on a surface, please discard it and open a new one.**
- Wipe skin with 70% alcohol or sterile saline. Wait for 10 seconds or until alcohol is evaporated.
- Wipe the tip of the swab across the wound surface in a zigzag motion.
Avoid swabbing surrounding skin.



- Withdraw the ESwab or MTM Swab without touching the skin.
- Place the ESwab (Green Top) or MTM Swab (Clear Top) inside the transport tube and carefully break the swab shaft at the score line.
- Replace the cap on the tube and secure tightly.
- **Tubes that leak due to cap not securely on tube, will be rejected.**

STEP 3

PREPARE SPECIMEN FOR SHIPPING

- Place the tightly sealed and properly labeled specimen tube inside the biohazard bag.
- Place patient demographic and insurance information into document pouch within biohazard bag.