

Supplies

- ▶ 1 sterile thick swab
- ▶ 1 molecular transport tube
- ▶ 1 specimen bag

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

Eyelid / Conjunctival / Corneal / Other Orbital Area Swab

If using a swab:

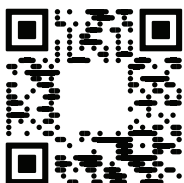
1. Thoroughly swab the area(s) of interest by rotating the swab 5–10 times (fully saturate the swab).
2. For conjunctival or eyelid swabs, separate swabs can be obtained from both eyes, and placed in the same collection tube, or into “Right” and/or “Left” side designated tubes, IF clinically indicated.
3. Immediately place the swab in the molecular transport tube.
4. Snap off excess handle and securely tighten the tube cap with the swab remaining in the tube.

If using a corneal spatula:

1. Using a sterile spatula, collect corneal scrapings.
2. Transfer material directly into MTM tube. A new sterile spatula will be required for any additional passes with the spatula.
3. After transferring material into the MTM tube, securely tighten the tube cap.

Ocular (Anterior / Posterior Chamber Fluid, Vitreous Fluid) or Lacrimal Aspirates

1. Collect fluid/material per standard sterile aspiration method.
2. Eject 0.2–0.5 mL of aspirated fluid/material directly into molecular transport tube.
3. Securely tighten cap on molecular collection tube.




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