



Clinical Laboratory Memorandum

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CAMC Laboratory will be changing the testing methodology of Group A streptococcus test. The current screening method requires that all negative results be confirmed with a culture. The new PCR methodology will no longer require this as it is a confirmed negative.

The current E-swab collection swab that is used for the strep A screen will not be valid on the new testing system. If a sample is collected with the E-swab, the strep test will be canceled and a throat culture ordered. The polyester Liquid Amies culture swab listed below will be used with the new testing system. If a provider is specifically looking for Group C or G streptococcus, they will need to order a throat culture.

Vendor	Product	Vendor Catalog #	CAMC Item #
Cardinal	BD Culture Swab Polyester Liquid Amies (Single)	4320146	83840

The order number for the new polyester Amies swab collection is for a pack of 50 swabs.

If any personnel have questions or comments, they may contact the Laboratory Quality Management team (Lisa McDonald 388-8492 or lisa.mcdonald@camc.org or Jon Perry 388-9075 or Jonathan.Perry@camc.org).