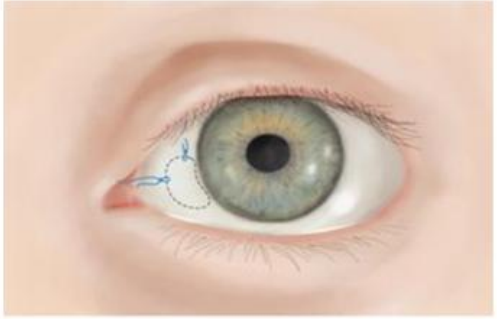
ENCOMPASS DIAGNOSTICS

MATERIALS PROVIDED

- ✓ 1 sterile swab
- ✓ 1 specimen bag
- ✓ 1 molecular transport tube
- ✓ 1 UPS/FedEx Lab Pak mailer
- ✓ Specimen collection cup (upon request)





OPHTHALMOLOGY SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

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SPECIMEN COLLECTION

To ensure the safety and validity of a sample it is important to follow these instructions.
Don gloves and follow one of the sample collection methods below.

Eyelid / Conjunctival / Other Orbital Area Swabs:

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.
5. Keep the tube in an upright position for 10 – 15 minutes.

*For corneal samples, a ‘corneal spatula’ can be used to collect, and transfer material directly into MTM tube. A new sterile spatula will be required for additional collections, and material from these can be transferred into the same MTM tube.

Ocular (Anterior / Posterior Chamber Fluid or 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.
4. Keep the tube in an upright position for 10 – 15 minutes.