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Patient Safety Issue
Wrong Collection Swab Distributed

BBL Culturette+ swabs
With charcoal

A distribution error has occurred from the UCH Warehouse. When Lawson #10917 "Culturette" swabs were ordered you may have received the Culturette+ with charcoal. These are noticeably different; the transport tube for the swab has a black cap and 3" of black gel in the bottom. The correct swab transport tube is translucent plastic with a sponge or clear gel in the bottom.

The "black" swab is unsuitable for Gram stain (GS), rapid influenzae A&B (FLU AB), rapid RSV (RSVR), all Virology and molecular testing! **DO NOT USE!**

Please contact Materials Management for replacements.

Please call Clinical Microbiology/Virology at 720-848-7084 if you have any questions .

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