



## MATERIALS PROVIDED

1 Sterile Swab | 1 Biohazard Bag | 1 Liquid Amies Transport Media Tube | Ice Pack(s) | 1 Lab Pak Mailer

## CLINICAL PROCEDURE

**To ensure safety and validity of the sample it is important to follow the instructions provided below.**

1. Label the transport tube with two unique patient identifiers. Confirm identity with the patient.
2. Put on gloves.
3. Remove sterile swab from collection kit being careful not to contaminate the tip.
4. Follow one of the sample collection methods below based upon the type of wound:
  - a. Decubitus ulcer: roll the sterile swab directly across the affected area until saturated. Proceed to step 5.
  - b. Abscess with skin intact:
    - i. Use sterile needle/syringe to aspirate approximately 1 mL of purulent material.
    - ii. Eject aspirated material into sterile collection cup.
    - iii. Roll sterile swab in collection cup to saturate swab. Proceed to step 5.
  - c. Abscess with open skin/sinus tract:
    - i. Wipe skin around opening with 70% ethanol or equivalent.
    - ii. Roll sterile swab with purulent material within abscess/sinus and ensure it is saturated.
  - d. STI Lesion
    - i. Using a sterile swab, vigorously swab the base of the unroofed lesion
    - ii. Apply enough pressure to collect vesicular fluid and/or epithelial cells
5. Place the swab in the Liquid Amies transport tube.
6. Swirl the swab in the solution 5 times.
7. Break the swab handle at the indentation mark and recap the tube (with the swab remaining in the tube).
8. Place the transport tube into the provided biohazard bag.
9. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.
10. Place all samples collected for the day into the provided Lab Pak mailer. Make sure to include ice pack(s). Seal the mailer and place a shipping label on the outside.
11. Do not hold samples. Ship all samples collected on the same day as collection.