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## **Puritan HydraFlock® and PurFlock Ultra® Swabs**

Puritan Traditional Spun Fiber, Foam, HydraFlock® and PurFlock Ultra® swabs in individually wrapped pouches or dry transport tubes.

### **Intended Use**

Individually wrapped Puritan traditional, foam, HydraFlock and PurFlock Ultra swabs are sterile, ready-to-use devices for the collection of clinical samples.

### **Summary and Principles**

Proper specimen collection is critical for rapid and accurate diagnosis of clinical specimens. Puritan traditional, foam, HydraFlock and PurFlock Ultra swabs are used for the collection of clinical samples.

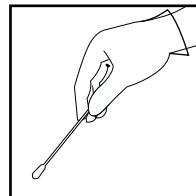
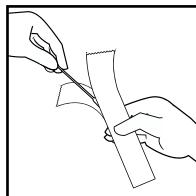
Puritan Medical Products LLC provides a variety of swab tip sizes and various shaped handles for specific applications. For sterilization, each swab is individually wrapped in medical paper pouches that are gamma or EO compatible. Gamma or EO sterilization is marked on the product labels.

### **Precautions**

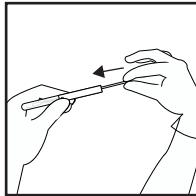
- For single use only, re-use may cause a risk of infection and/or inaccurate results.
- Do not re-pack or re-sterilize.
- Do not apply excessive force when collecting swab samples from patients as it may result in unintended breakage of the swab handle.
- To be handled by trained personnel only. Follow directions for use as demonstrated below, the manufacturer cannot be held responsible for any unauthorized use of the product.
- All clinical specimens may contain infectious microorganisms and should be handled with care. Appropriate personal protective equipment should be worn. Laboratory and biosafety guidelines should be followed when handling a clinical specimen.
- Swabs should not be used if peel pouch is damaged or if expiration date printed on label has passed.
- Disposal of tubes and swabs must be done according to laboratory regulations for biohazard waste.
- There is always a potential for the presence of blood borne viruses including human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis viruses in the specimens. Special precautions should be taken when handling specimens that may have come into contact with blood and other bodily fluids. Follow state, local and institutional guidelines for the handling and disposition of this and all biohazard waste.

### **Directions for Use**

1. Peel open sterile pouch.
2. Remove swab applicator and collect specimen. Ensure the applicator tip only touches the suspected infectious area to minimize potential contamination.



3. Swab should be processed immediately according to internal laboratory instructions.
4. Alternatively, swab may be placed in a sterile tube marked with patient information and transferred to laboratory for microbiological analysis.



## Limitations:

- Reliable specimen collection depends on many factors including collection and handling technique, specimen conditions, and timing. Best results are achieved when specimens are processed shortly after the time of collection. If delays are anticipated, swab specimens are recommended to be stored in a suitable buffered preservative until it is processed. Refer to corresponding reference standards and procedures for optimum collection techniques.<sup>1,2</sup>
- The use of this product in conjunction with a rapid diagnostic test or instrument should be validated by the user.

## References

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