

Wound Collection Guide

Proper specimen collection is the most important step in the laboratory diagnosis of infectious diseases.

- 1 PREPARATION:** Cleanse and debride the wound with sterile gauze and saline.
- 2 COLLECTION:** Exudate and brushings of the wound base (including advancing margins) should be collected using the swab.
- 3 TRANSFER TO TUBE:** Without contaminating the swab, place the swab into the transport tube all the way to the bottom.
- 4** Break the swab at the scored breakpoint indication line and leave the bottom portion inside the Copan eSwab® (*white cap*) transport tube, partially submerged in buffer solution. Screw the top onto the tube tightly to secure the specimen.
- 5 TRANSFER TO COLLECTION BAG:** Place the Copan eSwab® (*white cap*) sample in the provided collection bag along with completed requisition.

