

*February 2020, Monument Health will be replacing current collection systems for bacteria with COPAN eSwab<sup>TM</sup>.*

## ESWAB<sup>TM</sup> INSTRUCTIONS

### ESWAB<sup>TM</sup> IS EASY TO USE:

- Perform hand hygiene and put on gloves if necessary.
- Perform positive patient identification.
- Open the peel pouch.
- Remove the swab.
- Collect the patient sample using the swab. **Avoid touching the swab applicator below the pink molded breakpoint** as this could lead to contamination and incorrect test results.
- Remove the screw cap from the tube and insert the swab **all the way to the bottom of the tube**.
- Hold the tube away from your face. Holding the end of the swab shaft, bend it at a 180 degrees angle to break at the marked breakpoint. **If needed, gently twist the shaft between thumb and forefinger to completely remove it.**
- **Screw the cap on tightly to prevent leakage.**
- Dispose of the swab shaft in a regular trash receptacle.
- Apply patient identification label or write patient information on the tube label.
- Follow the standard operating procedures of transport and testing for your facility.
- Remove gloves if necessary and perform hand hygiene.

### NOTE:

The eSwab Liquid Amies fluid maintains the viability of diverse bacteria. **Do not send a dry eSwab as this will lead to unsatisfactory results.**

