

Rapid Strep A screen (Strep Throat)

Order Name: **C RAP A SC**

Test Number: 6001700

Revision Date: 11/14/2022

TEST NAME	METHODOLOGY	LOINC CODE
Rapid Strep A screen (Strep Throat)	Enzyme Immunoassay	78012-2

SPECIMEN REQUIREMENTS				
Specimen	Specimen Volume (min)	Specimen Type	Specimen Container	Transport Environment
Preferred	2ea (1ea)	Swab	Puritan 6" Sterile Standard Rayon Swab	Room Temperature
Instructions	Rinse mouth with tap water before collection. Avoid throat lozenges and mouthwashes. Swab back of throat on tonsils, avoid the tongue. <b>The only acceptable swab now is Puritan 6" Sterile Standard Rayon Swab w/Polystyrene Handle, reference # 25-806 1PR.</b>  <b>If a culture is being collected at the same time</b> , collect an extra Puritan 6" Sterile Standard Rayon Swab w/Plastic Handle & Tube Double Tip, reference # 25-806 2PR, or the culture may be collected with a different swab specific to that culture as indicated in the test directory for that culture.			

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Testing Schedule	Daily
Expected TAT	1 Day
Clinical Use	Detection of Group A Streptococcus antigen.
Notes	If rapid strep A screen is negative, a culture will automatically be set up, if an appropriate swab has been submitted.
CPT Code(s)	87880QW
Lab Section	Microbiology