

Candida auris Surveillance Specimen Collection

Purpose *C. auris* is an emerging multidrug-resistant fungal pathogen that has been transmitted in healthcare settings. *C. auris* can cause invasive infections with high mortality. Identifying persons colonized with *C. auris* is a key step in containing its spread.

Screening Criteria CDPH recommends proactive screening on admit for patients transferring from:

- Any LTACH or ventilator-equipped SNF, regardless of geographic location in California
- Any facility with known *C. auris* transmission
- Any acute care hospital in Nevada
- Consider screening patients with other known risk factors

Provider Order Screening is completed during registration by Transfer Center or ED. Facility selection triggers **Candida auris by PCR (CAPCR)** screen in Apex Core Admission orders

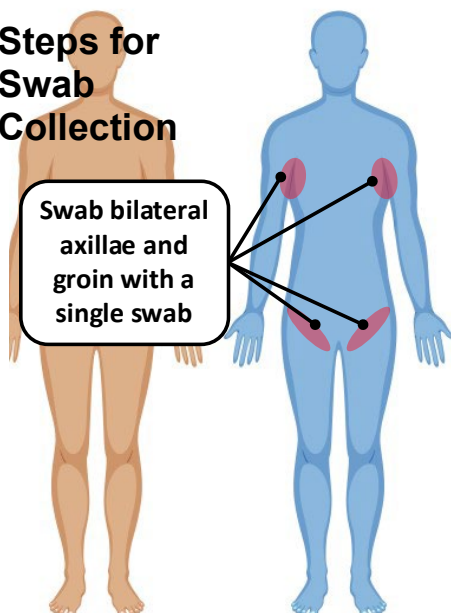
Swab Type **eSwab**
Regular Flocked Swab with Liquid Amies Medium, PMM # 45258

Swab Sites Axilla and Groin (combined)

Prep

- **Hold CHG bath/treatment until after swab screening has been performed**
- Appropriately label eSwab tube with patient identifiers, collection site "Axilla and Groin," date, and time

Steps for Swab Collection



Perform a single swab for bilateral axilla and groin collection:

1. **Swab axillae (armpits):**
 - a. Firmly rub soft end of collection swab across the crease in the skin where the arm meets the body
 - b. Firmly swipe back and forth at least 3-5 times per armpit
2. **Swab groin:**
 - a. With same swab used on the axilla, firmly rub soft end of collection swab across the crease in the skin where the leg meets the pelvic region
 - b. Firmly swipe back and forth at least 3-5 times per groin
3. Place swab in liquid transport media all the way to the bottom of the tube
4. Hold swab shaft close to the rim of the tube, break the applicator shaft at the breakpoint, and place lid on tube

