

# ***Candida auris***

## **Point-Prevalence Survey Specimen Collection Guidance**

### **Purpose**

To aid in the collection of colonization screens to determine the presence of *Candida auris*.

### **Specimen**

Axilla/groin on patients with possible exposure to the index patient (your state's HAI program epidemiologists should assist in determining the population at risk).

### **Labeling Requirements**

Patient's full name, birthdate, specimen source, and date of collection.

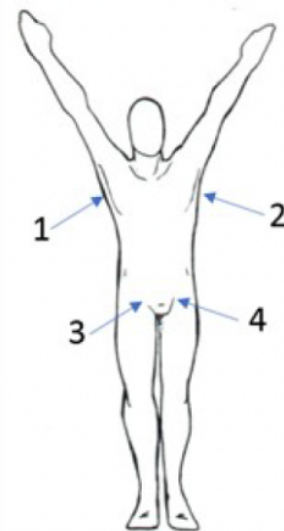
### **Specimen Collection**

Axilla/groin using the Copan Eswab.



### **Procedure**

- 1) Before beginning, perform proper hand hygiene and don appropriate PPE.
- 2) Open the swab packaging and label the swab with the appropriate information: patient name, birthdate, specimen source, and date of collection. **Be sure to leave the swab in the package while labeling the tube to prevent contamination.**
- 3) Pull the swab from the packaging, being careful not to touch the soft tip with your hands or on any other surfaces.
- 4) Firmly rub both sides of the soft end of the swab in a back and forth motion across the left axilla surface 3 to 5 times. Then, using the same swab, proceed to the right axilla.  
**Note: Be sure to target the crease in the skin where the arm meets the body.**
- 5) Using the same swab and motion used on the axillas, rub both sides of the swab across the left groin skin surfaces 3 to 5 times. Using the same swab, proceed to the right groin surface.  
**Note: Be sure to target the inguinal crease in the skin where the leg meets the pelvic region.**
- 6) Remove the cap from the tube and avoid touching it to any materials that may contaminate the sample. Place the swab tip in the tube and break off the end of the swab at the red breakpoint. Tightly secure the cap on the tube, seal with parafilm, and place in individual biohazard bag.



### **Stability**

Samples must be tested within 4 days of collection. Collection day is day 0.