

## 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	<p>Rinse mouth with tap water before collection. Avoid throat lozenges and mouthwashes. Swab back of throat on tonsils, avoid the tongue.</p> <p><b>The only acceptable swab now is Puritan 6" Sterile Standard Rayon Swab w/Polystyrene Handle, reference # 25-806 1PR.</b></p> <p><b>If a culture is being collected at the same time,</b> collect an extra Puritan 6" Sterile Standard Rayon Swab w/Plastic Handle &amp; 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.</p>			

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