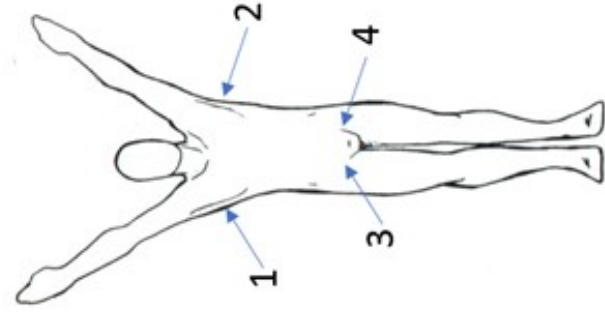


Instructions for patient swab collection for *Candida auris* colonization screening



Remove the screw cap from the tube



Insert the swab all the way to the bottom of the tube



Break the applicator sheath at the colored breakpoint line



Screw the cap on tightly to prevent leakage



1. Use BD ESwab™ Collection and Transport System for collection. Open the package by grasping the plastic at the opposite end from the soft tip. Remove the tube from the packaging. Pull the swab from its package.
2. Rub the soft end of the collection swab across the indicated site 3 to 5 times. Rub both sides of the swab tip over the left axilla skin surface and then the right targeting the crease. With the same swab, rub both sides of the swab tip over the left groin skin surface and then the right targeting the crease.
3. Remove the cap from the swab collection tube, then place the soft end of the collection swab into the tube. DO NOT pour the liquid out of the tube. Snap off the end of the swab at the marked line. Screw on the tube cap and Parafilm.
4. Write specimen information on the tube label. Place tube into the biohazard bag with absorbent paper. Place test request form in the outer pocket of the bag.
5. Seal the bag and ship immediately to Maryland Regional Lab as a Biological Substance, Category B. Swabs can be stored for no more than 4 days after collection.