SPECIMEN COLLECTION FOR MONKEYPOX DIAGNOSIS

1. Wear proper PPE – gown, gloves, eye protection, NIOSH-approved particulate respirator equipped with N95 filters or higher.

2. Lesion material should be collected using sterile synthetic swabs, including polyester, nylon, or Dacron. Do not use cotton swabs.

3. Vigorously swab **two dry** swabs on one lesion. It is not necessary to de-roof the lesion before swabbing. Repeat on a second lesion.

4. Break off the end of each swab and place in separate sterile containers that have a gasket seal. A sterile urine collection cup can be used. Consult with your laboratory partner on whether to store in viral transport media.

5. Follow instructions from lab to transport.

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