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ElutionSwab™ from Hardy Diagnostics are a new liquid based transport for microbiology, featuring the new flocked swab technology for improved specimen recovery. ElutionSwab™ come with 1ml modified Liquid Amies and the unique nylon flocked swab. It maintains viability of aerobes, anaerobes and fastidious bacteria for up to 48 hrs at room temperature and refrigerator temperature. The specimen rapidly and completely elutes from the flocked swab as soon as it is placed in the transport medium.

ElutionSwab™ tips are sprayed with short strands of nylon fiber which bond in a perpendicular fashion. The specimen is absorbed by the strong capillary power between the fibers and remains very close to the surface. In contrast with conventional swabs, the specimen is not trapped within the fiber matrix. When the swab is placed in the transport liquid the entire sample elutes immediately. Thus the entire specimen moves from swab to liquid phase. ElutionSwab™ provide 1ml of sample suspension for Gram stain and multiple culture analysis. ElutionSwab™ provide a suitable platform for automated liquid handling, and expands testing capabilities and sensitivity. ElutionSwabs™ are manufactured by Copan Diagnostics.

Hardy Diagnostics is an FDA licensed and ISO certified manufacturer of medical devices for microbiological procedures in clinical and industrial laboratories. Over 5,000 laboratories are serviced by Hardy throughout the nation. Hardy maintains six distribution warehouses to ensure timely order delivery. Over 2,600 microbiology products are manufactured at the company's headquarters in Santa Maria, CA. Over 12,000 laboratory products are offered and may be viewed on the company's website, www.HardyDiagnostics.com.

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