

Gloved Fingertip and Thumb Sampling Resources

USP General Chapter <797> Pharmaceutical Compounding — Sterile Preparations defines the minimum standards to be followed when preparing compounded sterile drugs (compounded sterile preparations or CSPs). Within these, compounding personnel are required to successfully complete gloved fingertip and thumb sampling annually. This is part of the demonstration of competency in appropriate hand hygiene and garbing. The gloved fingertip and thumb sampling must be done on both hands no fewer than 3 times annually.

To assist, below is a list of vendors who supply gloved fingertip and thumb sampling devices. Please note the requirements and procedures for each test may vary between manufacturers. We recommend assuring you purchase sampling devices that meet the USP General Chapter <797> requirements to demonstrate competency in hand hygiene and garbing. This list is not intended to be comprehensive nor does the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy (AAOA) recommend or endorse any specific company, manufacturer, or product. This list is intended solely for informational purposes.

Acute Care Pharmaceuticals
Product Name: Tryptic Soy Agar (TSA) P34
(888) 909-7700
<http://www.pharma-choice.com>

Hardy Diagnostics
Product Name: Tryptic Soy Agar (TSA) P34
(805) 346-2766 or (800) 266-2222
<http://hardydiagnostics.com>

Q.I.medical, Inc.
Product Name: EnviroTest™ – ET1000
(530) 272-8700
<http://www.qimedical.com>

VALITEQ
Product Name: Contact Plates for Surface Microbial Sampling
(800) 433-7698
<http://www.valiteq.com>



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