

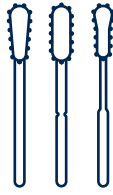
*Clinical applications*

Genetics

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# The blueprint of your past and future

Better diagnostics begins  
with a better sample collection.



Collection



Transport



Processing



Artificial Intelligence

### *Background*

## **The information of life**

What do the simplest microorganisms and the most complex animals have in common? **Genetic information**. As microbial genes do for bacteria, our genes define our phenotypical traits, sensitivity to drugs, and risk of contracting diseases. **Genetics plays an increasingly pivotal role in diagnosis and therapy and is recently enabling the switch towards a personalized approach to medicine** based on the patient's genetic information.

## **What's the Copan solution for genetics?**

### ◦ *Collection devices*

FLOQSwabs®hDNAfree, FLOQSwabs®

### ◦ *Media*

eNAT®

### ◦ *Self-collection devices*

SMART-eNAT®



## Genetics

### Next-gen sensitivity

Genetic research highlighted the **role of genes and their variations in disease development and prediction**, response to drugs, and heredity. Predictive testing, SNP genotyping, epigenetics, and metagenomic techniques are already extensively used in laboratories worldwide; moreover, high-throughput genetic methods allow the **diagnosis of human disorders at increasingly affordable costs and has been implemented in many fields** such as pharmacology, oncology, rare diseases, and infectious diseases<sup>1</sup>.



## Sample collection

### Flawless sampling for unbiased diagnostics

Regardless of the sample's origin, genetic researchers need high quality nucleic acid specimens to reduce variability and obtain unbiased genetic results. Thus, any flaw in sample collection and preanalytical processing must be avoided at any cost.



#### FLOQSwabs®hDNAfree

### Non-invasive, Safe, and Painless DNA collection devices for Genetic applications

FLOQSwabs®hDNAfree is our FLOQSwabs® line. **Free of amplifiable human DNA and detectable DNase and RNase**, FLOQSwabs®hDNAfree are well-accepted and cost-effective alternatives to blood samples collected using hypodermic needles<sup>2</sup>. The optional active drying system dries the sample inside the tube, enabling 12 months of DNA stability at room temperature, and their **easiness to use improves the adoption percentage for genetic screenings**, such as HLA typing, food intolerances, and ancestry testing<sup>3,4</sup>.

Certified free of amplifiable Human DNA and detectable DNase and RNase

Optional active drying system for 12 months of DNA stability at RT



eNAT®

## Nucleic acid collection and preservation medium

eNAT® is our medium designed for nucleic acid collection and preservation. Containing guanidine-thiocyanate, **eNAT® lyses cells and virus particles, removing the sample's infectivity and bacterial proliferation, and preserving RNA and DNA integrity<sup>5-14</sup>**. eNAT® allows long-term sample storage for up to four weeks at RT or six months at -20°C by denaturing proteins – including nucleases – in only 30 minutes. It is the media of choice of many diagnostics kits, fully validated and included in their IFU.

Virus and bacteria infectivity inactivation within 30 minutes

Preserves nucleic acids for four weeks at RT or six months at -20 °C



SMART-eNAT®

## Smart Delivery System for Nucleic Acid Preservation Medium

SMART-eNAT® combines eNAT® with a unique SMART push & turn activation and delivery system, providing a **safe and efficient nucleic acid collection and transport for prolonged periods**. The SMART post-collection high-performance yet intuitive cap avoids spillage or unwanted contact, facilitating self-sampling at home.

Virus and bacteria infectivity Inactivation within 30 minutes

Designed for patient and sample safety



*The perfect match*

## FLOQSwabs® Inside

Combining any transport media with our patented FLOQSwabs® expands testing possibilities by ensuring an unmatched specimen collection in many anatomical sites. Discover why we call them "the perfect collection device" on the dedicated brochure.



## An upcoming impact

Just as radiological imaging has decreased the rates of exploratory surgical procedures, **genomics in medicine is bound to add another layer of confidence to diagnostic approaches**.<sup>15</sup> Although we are still learning how to interpret genetic data and despite barriers to genetics-based medicine are still relevant—for example, the rights and privacy of patients—it is clear that the genetics expansion in medicine will impact our understanding of the disease, approach to diagnosis, treatment strategies, and life planning.<sup>16</sup> **Decades from now, many potential diseases may be cured at the genetic level before they arise.**

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