



Swab guide

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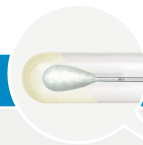
General instructions

- Check expiry date of swab prior to use
- Label with patient's full name, date of birth, gender, collector initials, ID barcode, specimen site and details for date and time of collection
- Ensure cap is replaced firmly
- Swabs should not be refrigerated
- If sampling a site for more than one pathogen, please collect one PCR swab per pathogen requested
- If urethral swab for CT/NG requested, please collect first-void urine
- If sampling pus (e.g. abscess drainage), please collect in yellow top jar

Bacteriology swab (blue top)

Any site (include genitals)

Microscopy, culture, antibiotic sensitivities
Aerobic and anaerobic bacteria



Blue top swab - Product #11346, contains transport medium

PCR swab (red top)

All sites except nasopharynx

1 swab per pathogen



Red top flocked swab - Product #24159

PCR swab (orange top)

Nasopharynx

- Pertussis - Mycoplasma pneumonia
- Respiratory viruses - Measles



Orange top flocked swab (thin shaft) - Product #24132

PCR Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea (CT/NG) - females

Cervical/vaginal/eye

- *Chlamydia trachomatis* and/or *N.gonorrhoeae*



Female PCR swab - Product #46047