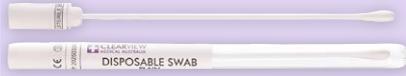


SWAB COLLECTION GUIDE

	TESTS REQUIRED	INSTRUCTIONS	SPECIMEN COLLECTION EQUIPMENT
MICRO, CULTURE & SENSITIVITY	BACTERIAL GEL SWAB – GENERAL ORGANISM: Bacteria. Including fastidious organisms such as <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> , anaerobes & yeasts. SITE: Commonly nose, throat, vaginal*, wound and skin swabs. <i>*Doctor collect or patient self-collect only.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record site taken on swab label. Sample infected area for culture, place into culture tube. Store and transport at room temperature. 	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 70652</p>
	BACTERIAL GEL SWAB – URETHRAL ORGANISM: Bacteria. Including <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> & yeasts. SITE: Male urethra swab*. Also ear, eye, sinus tract swabs. <i>*Doctor collect or patient self-collect only.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record site taken on swab label. For Male Urethra, insert swab up to 2cm. Rotate swab then place into culture tube. Store and transport at room temperature. 	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 15928</p>
PCR / NAAT DNA/NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST	DRY FLOQ SWAB – RESPIRATORY VIRUS ORGANISM: Respiratory Virus (Flu A/B, Para Flu 1-4, RSV, B pertussis/Whooping cough). SITE: Nasopharyngeal, pernasal, and throat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record sample taken on swab label. For nasopharyngeal, insert swab directly back (not upwards) along the floor of the nasal cavity approx. the length of the patient's index finger. Leave swab in place for approx. 10 seconds. On removal, slowly rotate the swab. Store and transport promptly at room temperature. 	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 70000</p>
	VIRAL DRY SWAB – GENERAL ORGANISMS: Herpes multiplex; HSV1 & 2, VZV. SITE: All Viral collections. Vesicle, ulcer, lesion (e.g. genital*, nose, throat, eye, mouth). <i>*Doctor collect or patient self-collect only.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record site taken on swab label. Collect in acute phase. Remove vesicle surface. Collect fluid or scrape base of lesion with swab. Moist area, collect as much material as possible. If dry lesion, wet swab with sterile water or saline. Store and transport at room temperature. 	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 70653</p>
	CHLAMYDIA / GONORRHOEAE - MALE ORGANISM: <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> , <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> . <i>"Chlamydia and/or N.gono PCR/NAAT" must be written.</i> SITE: Urethra predominantly; other sites as required, eg. Anus, throat, eye. <i>Collector can swab non-genital sites such as the eye and throat.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record site taken on tube label. Do not pierce foil cap. Avoid urination one hour prior to swabbing. Insert the blue unisex swab 2-4 cm into the urethra, rotate 2-3 seconds. Place the swab into the tube, break the shaft at the score mark, tightly re-cap the tube. Store and transport at room temperature. 	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 62843</p>
	CHLAMYDIA / GONORRHOEAE - FEMALE ORGANISM: <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> , <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> . <i>"Chlamydia and/or N.gono PCR/NAAT" must be written.</i> SITE: Endocervical predominantly; other sites as required, eg. Vagina, anus, throat, eye. <i>Collector can swab non-genital sites such as the eye and throat.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record site taken on tube label. Do not pierce foil cap. Remove excess mucus with the white cleaning swab and discard. Insert the blue unisex swab into the cervical canal and rotate for 10-30 seconds. Place the swab into the tube, break the shaft at the score mark, tightly re-cap the tube. Store and transport at room temperature. 	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 62843</p>

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