

# SWAB COLLECTION GUIDE

	TESTS REQUIRED	INSTRUCTIONS	SPECIMEN COLLECTION EQUIPMENT
MICRO, CULTURE & SENSITIVITY	<b>FUNGAL CULTURE AND / OR IDENTIFICATION</b> <b>ORGANISM:</b> Tinea, ringworm, or other superficial fungal infection. <b>SITE:</b> Skin scrapings, nail clippings, hair or tissue samples.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record sample taken on pot label.</li> <li>Scrape/collect adequate amount for culture.</li> <li>Swab collection for fungal infection is not suitable.</li> <li>Store and transport at room temperature.</li> </ul>	
	<b>BACTERIAL GEL SWAB – GENERAL</b> <b>ORGANISM:</b> Bacteria. Including fastidious organisms such as N.gonorrhoeae, anaerobes & yeasts. <b>SITE:</b> Commonly nose, throat, vaginal, wound and skin swabs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record site taken on swab label.</li> <li>Sample infected area for culture, place into culture tube.</li> <li>Store and transport at room temperature.</li> </ul>	
	<b>BACTERIAL GEL SWAB – URETHRAL</b> <b>ORGANISM:</b> Bacteria. Including N.gonorrhoeae & yeasts <b>SITE:</b> Male urethra swab. Also ear, eye, sinus tract swabs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record site taken on swab label.</li> <li>For Male Urethra, insert swab up to 2cm. Rotate swab then place into culture tube.</li> <li>Store and transport at room temperature.</li> </ul>	
PCR / NAAT DNA/NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST	<b>DRY FLOQ SWAB – RESPIRATORY VIRUS</b> <b>ORGANISM:</b> Respiratory Virus (Flu A/B, Para Flu 1-4, RSV, B pertussis/Whooping cough) <b>SITE:</b> Nasopharyngeal, pernasal, and throat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record sample taken on swab label</li> <li>For nasopharyngeal, insert swab directly back (not upwards) along the floor of the nasal cavity approx. the length of the patient's index finger.</li> <li>Leave swab in place for approx. 10 seconds.</li> <li>On removal, slowly rotate the swab.</li> <li>Store and transport promptly at room temperature</li> </ul>	
	<b>VIRAL DRY SWAB – GENERAL</b> <b>ORGANISMS:</b> Herpes multiplex; HSV1 & 2, VZV. <b>SITE:</b> All Viral collections. Genital lesion, vesicle, ulcer, nose, throat, mouth, eye.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record site taken on swab label.</li> <li>Collect in acute phase. Remove vesicle surface. Collect fluid or scrape base of lesion with swab.</li> <li>Moist area, collect as much material as possible.</li> <li>If dry lesion, wet swab with sterile water or saline.</li> <li>Store and transport at room temperature.</li> </ul>	
	<b>CHLAMYDIA / GONORRHOEAE - MALE</b> <b>ORGANISM:</b> Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae <i>"Chlamydia and/or N.gono PCR/NAAT" must be written.</i> <b>SITE:</b> Urethra predominantly; other sites as required, eg. Anus, throat, eye.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record site taken on tube label.</li> <li><b>Do not pierce foil cap.</b></li> <li>Avoid urination one hour prior to swabbing.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Store and transport at room temperature.</li> </ul>	
	<b>CHLAMYDIA / GONORRHOEAE - FEMALE</b> <b>ORGANISM:</b> Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae <i>"Chlamydia and/or N.gono PCR/NAAT" must be written.</i> <b>SITE:</b> Endocervical predominantly; other sites as required, eg. Vagina, anus, throat, eye.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record site taken on tube label.</li> <li><b>Do not pierce foil cap.</b></li> <li>Remove excess mucus with the white cleaning swab and discard.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Store and transport at room temperature.</li> </ul>	
	<b>CHLAMYDIA / GONORRHOEAE - MALE / FEMALE</b> <b>ORGANISM:</b> Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae <i>"Chlamydia and/or N.gono PCR/NAAT" must be written.</i> <b>SITE:</b> First pass/catch Urine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record site taken on tube label.</li> <li><b>Do not pierce foil cap.</b></li> <li>A first pass urine (the first 20-30mls, or half a pot collected at least 2 hours post micturition)</li> <li>Collect urine in a sterile yellow topped 70ml pot. Use the pipette supplied to transfer (within 24hrs) into the 'Urine Specimen Transport Tube' (USTT). Fill the USTT between the black lines (2ml urine). Tightly re-cap the USTT.</li> <li>If urine unable to be transferred to USTT, transport to laboratory at room temperature for transfer within 24 hours.</li> </ul>	

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