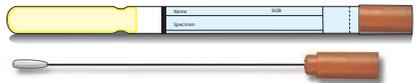
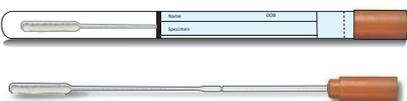
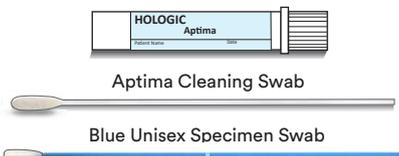


# SWAB COLLECTION GUIDE - DOCTOR

Effective from May 25

- If MCS is requested with PCR **ALWAYS** collect separate dedicated dry swab for PCR test/s.
- Store all samples at room temperature.
- All swabs must be labelled with the following information: (Barcode - *if available*)

1. Patient Details (Full Name / DOB / Gender)    2. Time & Date of collection    3. Collector initials    4. Collection site details

CATEGORY	SITE	INSTRUCTIONS	SWAB/COLLECTION MEDIUM
<b>MICROSCOPY, CULTURE &amp; SENSITIVITY (MCS)</b>			
<b>BACTERIA &amp; YEAST</b> Aerobes & Anaerobes MRSA Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All sites (With exception to the below)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swab infected area for culture.</li> <li>• MRSA Screen: use four swabs - 1 x groin, 1 x nose, 2 x axilla.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Gel swabs are <b>NOT</b> suitable for PCR or viral tests.</i></p>	<b>GEL AMIES - BLUE TOP SWAB</b> Regular shaft #73779 
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urethra male</li> <li>• Eyes</li> <li>• Ear</li> <li>• Nose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For male urethra insert swab up to 2cm and rotate.</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Gel Swabs are <b>NOT</b> suitable for PCR or viral tests.</i></p>	<b>GEL AMIES - ORANGE TOP SWAB</b> Thin metal shaft #73639 
<b>FUNGAL CULTURE</b> Tinea Ringworm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skin Scrapings</li> <li>• Nail Clippings</li> <li>• Hair</li> <li>• Tissue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record names of any creams used and any contact with animals.</li> <li>• Skin &amp; Scalp Scrapings</li> <li>• Nail Clippings / Scrapings</li> <li>• Dry Swab - Skin &amp; Scalp Scrapings / Nail Clippings.</li> <li>• Instructions within Fungal Kit.</li> <li>• <b>If SCABIES, follow Sticky Tape instructions.</b></li> </ul>	<b>FUNGAL SCRAPING KIT</b> White top swab, envelope and nail pick #72926 
<b>MOLECULAR - PCR / NAAT</b>			
<b>RESPIRATORY PATHOGENS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Influenza A/B</li> <li>• RSV</li> <li>• COVID-19</li> <li>• Bordetella pertussis</li> <li>• Mycoplasma pneumoniae</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nasal</li> <li>• Throat</li> <li>• Nasopharyngeal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nasal swab is preferred over throat for respiratory pathogens.</li> <li>• For nasopharyngeal, insert swab directly back (not upwards) along the floor of nasal cavity approximately the length of the patient's index finger.</li> <li>• On removal, slowly rotate the swab.</li> </ul>	<b>DRY FLOCKED ORANGE TOP SWAB</b> Thin plastic shaft #70674 
<b>GENERAL PCR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSV 1/2</li> <li>• VZV</li> <li>• Syphilis</li> <li>• Mpox</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genital &amp; non-genital</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated dry flocked swab per pathogen.</li> </ul>	<b>COPAN DRY FLOCKED RED TOP SWAB #73767</b> 
<b>STI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chlamydia trachomatis</li> <li>• Neisseria gonorrhoea</li> <li>• Mycoplasma genitalium*</li> <li>• Trichomonas vaginalis*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urethra (Male)</li> <li>• Anal/Rectal</li> <li>• Vaginal</li> <li>• Endocervical/ Cervix</li> <li>• Penile</li> <li>• Throat</li> <li>• Eyes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Male</b> - Avoid urination 1 hour prior to swabbing. <i>Note: Urine testing is preferred.</i></li> <li>• <b>Female</b> - Larger <b>Cleaning Swab</b> is to remove mucus, then discard.</li> <li>• Insert the <b>BLUE Unisex Specimen Swab</b> 2cm into the urethra (male) and 2-4cm into the vagina /cervix. Rotate 2-3 seconds.</li> <li>• Place the <b>BLUE Unisex Specimen Swab</b> into the Aptima tube and break the shaft at the score mark, tightly re-cap the tube. <b>DO NOT PIERCE FOIL CAP.</b></li> </ul>	<b>APTIMA UNISEX SWAB KIT #62843</b>  HOLOGIC Aptima Aptima Cleaning Swab Blue Unisex Specimen Swab COPAN DRY FLOCKED RED TOP SWAB CAN BE USED, IF APTIMA SWAB IS NOT AVAILABLE
<p><b>*If Mycoplasma genitalium is requested with PCR ALWAYS collect separate additional specimen using a DRY FLOCKED RED TOP SWAB.</b></p>			
<b>HPV (CST) SELF-COLLECT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cervical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medical Practice</b> - Use (CST) Self-Collect Kit with ThinPrep vial. (CHECK Expiry date)</li> <li>• Please ensure "Self-Collect (CST) HPV test" is written on the request form.</li> <li>• Clinician supervised collection. #15463</li> </ul>	<b>HPV (CST) SELF-COLLECT KIT #72879</b> <b>COPAN DRY FLOCKED RED TOP SWAB</b> 

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