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All Swabs must be labelled with patient details, site, date and time of collection.

Store and Transport all Swabs to the lab at room temperature.

Test	Instructions	Collection Swab Types
<b>Microscopy, Culture &amp; Sensitivity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bacteria: Aerobes &amp; Anaerobes</li> <li>Yeasts</li> <li>Gonorrhoea Culture</li> <li>VRE Screen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample the infected area with the swab.</li> <li>Unscrew the cap on the tube, place the swab into the liquid and snap off at the break point, screw the cap back onto the tube securing the swab inside.</li> <li>Do Not Discard the Liquid.</li> </ul>	White Top Amies Liquid and Flocked Swab  (WPR: 01298A)
<b>Virus/Other Bacterial PCR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respiratory Viruses</li> <li>Bordetella Pertussis</li> <li>CMV</li> <li>Herpes Multiplex (HSV21, HSV2, VZV)</li> <li>Enterovirus (non-respiratory)</li> <li>Atypical Pneumonia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample the area with the green topped swab and place into the viral transport medium tube.</li> <li>For Respiratory viruses provide a nose sample</li> <li>For Bordetella Pertussis testing provide a nasopharyngeal sample</li> <li>For nasopharyngeal samples use the minitip flocked swab</li> </ul>	Green Top Viral Transport Medium Swab  (WPR: 147CV)  Minitip flocked swab Universal Transport Medium  (WPR: 361C)
<b>Chlamydia &amp; Gonorrhoea PCR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Male and Female</li> <li>A first pass urine specimen can be used for this test (collect into a sterile pot)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample the infected area with the swab.</li> <li>Unscrew the cap on the tube, place the swab into the liquid and snap off at the break point, screw the cap back onto the tube securing the swab inside.</li> <li>Do Not Discard the Liquid.</li> </ul>	Abbott Unisex Multicollect Swab  (WPR:9K12.01)
<b>MSRA/MSSA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MRSA Culture</li> <li>MRSA/MSSA Screening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MRSA kit contains 2 swabs and a tube of liquid medium. The kit can be used for sampling of 2 sites.</li> <li>Use the pink swab for the first site and the white swab for the second site.</li> <li>If more than 2 sites are required use a second kit.</li> <li>Do Not Discard the Liquid.</li> </ul>	Pink Top MRSA eSwab Liquid Amies Flocked Swab  (WPR: R100083)