Swab Guide



| Test | Instructions | Collection Swab Types | |
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| Microscopy, Culture & Sensitivity - Bacteria (Aerobes and Anaerobes) - Yeasts - Gonorrhoea culture - VRE screen | Sample the infected area with the swab. 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. Do not discard the liquid. | | White Top Amies Liquid Flocked Swab Pink Top MRSA eSwab Liquid Amies Single Flocked Swab |
| Virus / Other Bacterial PCR - Bordetella pertussis - CMV - Herpes multiplex (HSV1, HSV2, VZV) - Enterovirus (non-respiratory) - COVID-19 / Respiratory PCR | Sample the area with the swab and place into the viral transport medium tube. For respiratory viruses, provide a nose/throat sample For Bordetella pertussis testing provide a nasopharyngeal sample. Do not discard the liquid. | (Do not use for microscopy, culture and sensitivity) | Minitip Flocked Swab Universal Transport Medium |
| Chlamydia & Gonorrhoea PCR - Male and female - A first pass urine specimen can be used for this test (collect into a sterile pot) | Sample the infected area with the swab. 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. Do not discard the liquid. | | Abbott Unisex Multicollect Swab |
| MRSA / MSSA - MRSA culture - MRSA/MSSA screening Candida auris screening | The MRSA kit contains 2 swabs and a tube of liquid medium. The kit can be used for sampling of 2 sites. If more than 2 sites are required use a second kit. Use the pink swab for the first site and the white swab for the second site. One swab (white) only to be left in the tube, discard the other (pink) after inoculating tube. Do not discard the liquid. | | Pink Top MRSA eSwab Liquid Amies Flocked Swab |