










# SWAB COLLECTION GUIDE

MICRO, CULTURE & SENSITIVITY

PCR / NAAT DNA/NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TEST

TESTS REQUIRED	INSTRUCTIONS	SPECIMEN COLLECTION EQUIPMENT
<p><b>BACTERIAL GEL SWAB – GENERAL</b></p> <p><b>ORGANISM:</b> Bacteria. Including fastidious organisms such as <i>N.gonorrhoeae</i>, anaerobes &amp; yeasts.</p> <p><b>SITE:</b> Commonly nose, throat, vaginal, wound and skin swabs.</p>	<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>	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 15924</p>
<p><b>BACTERIAL GEL SWAB – URETHRAL</b></p> <p><b>ORGANISM:</b> Bacteria. Including <i>N.gonorrhoeae</i> &amp; yeasts</p> <p><b>SITE:</b> Male urethra swab. Also ear, eye, sinus tract swabs.</p>	<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>	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 15928</p>
<p><b>FUNGAL CULTURE AND / OR IDENTIFICATION</b></p> <p><b>ORGANISM:</b> Tinea, ringworm, or other superficial fungal infection.</p> <p><b>SITE:</b> Skin scrapings, nail clippings, hair or tissue samples.</p>	<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>	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 20298</p>
<p><b>DRY FLEXIBLE SWAB - NASOPHARYNGEAL</b></p> <p><b>ORGANISM:</b> Bordetella pertussis / Whooping cough.</p> <p><b>SITE:</b> Nasopharyngeal swab. Also pernasal &amp; throat swabs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record site taken on swab label.</li> <li>For nasopharyngeal, insert swab into nose and slide along floor of nasal cavity approx the length of the patient's index finger.</li> <li><i>B.pertussis</i> diagnosis requires columnar epithelial cells.</li> <li>Store and transport at room temperature.</li> </ul>	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 15329</p>
<p><b>DRY FLEXIBLE SWAB - RESPIRATORY VIRUS</b></p> <p><b>ORGANISM:</b> Respiratory Virus (Flu A/B, Para Flu 1-3 and RSV)</p> <p><b>SITE:</b> Nose &amp; throat/pharyngeal swabs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record site(s) taken on swab label.</li> <li>Respiratory viruses, nasal swab is better than throat.</li> <li>Store and transport <b>promptly</b> at room temperature.</li> </ul>	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 15329</p>
<p><b>DRY SWAB – GENERAL VIRAL</b></p> <p><b>ORGANISMS:</b> Herpes multiplex; HSV1 &amp; 2, VZV.</p> <p><b>SITE:</b> All Viral collections. Genital lesion, vesicle, ulcer, nose, throat, mouth, eye.</p>	<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>	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 15923</p>
<p><b>CHLAMYDIA / GONORRHOEAE - MALE</b></p> <p><b>ORGANISM:</b> Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae <i>"Chlamydia and/or N.gono PCR/NAAT" must be written.</i></p> <p><b>SITE:</b> Urethra predominantly; other sites as required, eg. Anus, throat, eye.</p>	<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>	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 62843</p>
<p><b>CHLAMYDIA / GONORRHOEAE - FEMALE</b></p> <p><b>ORGANISM:</b> Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae <i>"Chlamydia and/or N.gono PCR/NAAT" must be written.</i></p> <p><b>SITE:</b> Endocervical predominantly; other sites as required, eg. Vagina, anus, throat, eye.</p>	<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>	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 62843</p>
<p><b>CHLAMYDIA / GONORRHOEAE - MALE / FEMALE</b></p> <p><b>ORGANISM:</b> Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoeae <i>"Chlamydia and/or N.gono PCR/NAAT" must be written.</i></p> <p><b>SITE:</b> First pass/catch Urine.</p>	<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>	 <p>To order quote Stores No. 62842</p>

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