









# SWAB GUIDE

PATHOGENS	SITE	SWAB DESCRIPTION	FEATURES	INSTRUCTIONS	NOT SUITABLE FOR
<p><b>Bacteria &amp; Yeasts</b></p> <p>For Microscopy, Culture and Sensitivity</p>	Any	<p>Blue top</p> 	<p><b>Regular Tip General Plastic Swab</b></p> <p>Cat. Code 682309</p>	<p>Use swab attached to blue lid to sample infected area for culture.</p> <p>Place swab into culture tube.</p>	PCR
	Urethra	<p>Orange top</p> 	<p><b>Mini Tip Urethra Wire Swab</b></p> <p>Cat. Code 601362</p>	<p>Gently insert swab into lower end of urethra. Rotate swab then place into culture tube.</p>	PCR
<p><b>Viruses, Pertussis and Atypical Bacteria by PCR</b></p> <p>(Polymerase Chain Reaction)</p> <p>Herpes Multiplex PCR (HSV 1 &amp; 2, VZV), Influenza A&amp;B, RSV, Other respiratory viruses, Adenovirus, <i>Bordetella</i>, Enterovirus, <i>Legionella</i>, <i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i>, <i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i>, Syphilis</p>	Any	<p>Red top</p> 	<p><b>Regular Tip Dry Flocked</b></p> <p>Cat. Code 684738</p>	<p>Collect as much material as possible.</p> <p>For vesicular lesions: break vesicle and scrape base of lesion with swab.</p> <p>If dry lesion: wet swab with sterile water or saline.</p> <p>Respiratory viruses: nasal swab is better than throat.</p>	Culture
	Nasopharyngeal	<p>Orange top</p> 	<p><b>Mini Tip Flexible Dry Flocked</b></p> <p>Cat. Code 684739</p>	<p>Insert swab into nose and slide along floor of the nasal cavity approx the length of the patients index finger.</p> <p>Columnar epithelial cells (nasopharyngeal) required for B. pertussis diagnosis.</p>	Culture
<p><b>C.trachomatis &amp; N. gonorrhoeae</b></p> <p><b>APTIMA® NAAT ("PCR")</b> (Nucleic acid amplification testing).</p>	Throat Eye Genital (unisex)		<p><b>Aptima® Mini Tip</b></p> <p>White/blue tube with buffer</p> <p>Cat. Code 678715</p>	<p>Use white swab to clean cervix if required and discard.</p> <p>Take specimen with blue swab.</p> <p>Place blue swab into buffer as soon as possible. Break at the scored point.</p> <p><u>Do not pierce foil top.</u></p>	Culture
	Vaginal Self Collection		<p><b>Aptima® Multi Test</b></p> <p>Pink tube with buffer</p> <p>Cat. Code 684737</p>	<p>Instruct patient to insert swab into her vagina.</p> <p>Place pink swab into buffer as soon as is practicable.</p> <p>Break at the scored point.</p> <p><u>Do not pierce foil top.</u></p>	Culture
	Urine		<p><b>Aptima® Urine</b></p> <p>Tube and Pipette</p> <p>Cat. Code 678714</p>	<p>Patient to collect first part of urine stream (20ml) into yellow topped container.</p> <p>Transfer 2ml into buffered tube as soon as possible and within 24 hours.</p> <p><u>Do not pierce foil top.</u></p>	Culture
<p><b>Unisex STI Pack</b></p> <p><b>MC&amp;S</b> (Microscopy, culture and sensitivity testing).</p> <p>Bacteria <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> Yeasts</p> <p><b>APTIMA® NAAT ("PCR")</b> (Nucleic acid amplification testing).</p>			<p><b>Mini Tip Genital + Mini Tip Urethra</b></p> <p>Cat. Code 684741</p>	<p>Pack contains Aptima® mini tip genital pack AND 1 mini tip urethra (orange top) swab.</p> <p>Use white swab from Aptima® kit to clean cervix if required and discard swab.</p> <p>Use Aptima® blue swab to swab cervix or urethra as required.</p> <p>Place blue swab into white capped tube with buffered solution and label.</p> <p>Use orange topped swab to sample area for culture. Place into culture tube.</p> <p>Send both swabs to the lab.</p>	