







SWAB COLLECTION GUIDE

SWAB DESCRIPTION	DESTINATION	USE	INSTRUCTIONS
 <p>Blue Top Plastic Shaft Swab (Amies Transport Medium) Order Item #641078</p>	MICRO	<p>M, C & S from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ear ✓ Nose ✓ Throat ✓ Eye ✓ ✓ Wounds ✓ Uro-Genital for general microbiology. ✓ Aerobes & Anaerobes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ After collection, place blue top swab into transport media; discard white top. ➤ Needs to be processed within 12-18 hrs. ➤ Store & Transport at Room Temp. <p>Note: If both M,C & S and PCR are required, an appropriate PCR swab must also be collected.</p>
 <p>Orange Top Fine Wire Swab (Amies Transport Medium) Order Item #601362</p>	MICRO	<p>M, C & S from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Male Urethra ✓ Nasopharyngeal ✓ Wound sinuses ✓ eye ✓ ear ✓ nose ✓ throat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ After collection, place orange top swab into transport media; discard white top. ➤ Needs to be processed within 12-18 hrs. ➤ Store & Transport at Room Temp. <p>Note: If both MCS and PCR are required, an appropriate PCR swab must also be collected.</p>
 <p>White Top Plastic Shaft Swab (No Medium) Order Item #601260</p>	MD	<p>Suitable for all PCR Testing Except for - Viral PCR (green swab) and - Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea (APTIMA swab)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ After collection, place white top swab into dry tube ➤ Store & Transport at Room Temp.
 <p>Orange Top FLOQSwab Plastic Shaft Swab (No Medium) Order Item #684739</p>	MD	<p>PCR Testing for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Bordetella Pertussis</i> ✓ Nasopharyngeal ✓ Urethral collections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ After collection, place orange top swab into dry tube ➤ Store & Transport at Room Temp.
 <p>Green Top Plastic Shaft Swab (Viral Transport Medium) Order Item #646825</p>	MD	<p>Viral Culture and /or Viral PCR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Herpes simplex</i> ✓ <i>Herpes zoster</i> (Varicella) ✓ Influenza ✓ Respiratory Viruses, ✓ Measles and other viruses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ After collection, place green top swab into transport media; discard white top. ➤ Store & Transport at Room Temp.
 <p>APTIMA Unisex Swab Collection Kit (APTIMA transport medium) Order Item #678715</p>	MD	<p>Nucleic Acid Detection: <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>, <i>Neisseria</i> <i>gonorrhoea</i> (including non-genital sites) and <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>.</p> <p>Note: <u>Unsuitable</u> for culture (MCS) or PCR detection of any other pathogens.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ After collection insert the blue swab into the transport tube. Snap off the shaft at score line and cap the tube securely. ➤ Store & Transport at Room Temp.

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