







COLLECTION SERVICES – SWAB COLLECTION GUIDE

SWAB DESCRIPTION	USE	INSTRUCTIONS
 <p>Blue Top Plastic Shaft Swab (Amies Transport Medium) Order Item #641078</p>	<p>For M, C, & S from: Ear, Nose, Throat, Eye, Wounds & Uro-Genital for general microbiology. Aerobes & Anaerobes.</p>	<p>After collection, place blue top swab into transport media; discard white top. Store & Transport at <u>Room Temp.</u> Needs to be processed for culture within 12-18 hrs 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>	<p>For M, C, & S from: Male Urethra, Nasopharynx, Wound sinuses, eye, ear, nose, throat.</p>	<p>After collection, place orange top swab into transport media; discard white top. Store & Transport at <u>Room Temp.</u> Needs to be processed for culture within 12-18 hrs. Note: If both M,C & S 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>	<p>Suitable for all PCR Testing Except for - Viral PCR (green swab) and - Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea (APTIMA swab).</p>	<p>After collection, place white top swab into dry tube Store & Transport at <u>Room Temp.</u></p>
 <p>Orange Top FLOQSwab Plastic Shaft Swab (No Medium) Order Item #684739</p>	<p>PCR Testing for: <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> Most suitable for use when a thin shaft is required e.g. nasopharyngeal and urethral collections.</p>	<p>After collection, place orange top swab into dry tube Store & Transport at <u>Room Temp.</u></p>
 <p>Green Top Plastic Shaft Swab (Viral Transport Medium) Order Item #646825</p>	<p>Viral Culture and /or Viral PCR: <i>Herpes simplex, Herpes zoster (Varicella), Influenza, Respiratory Viruses, Measles and other viruses.</i></p>	<p>After collection, place green top swab into transport media; discard white top. Store & Transport at <u>Room Temp.</u></p>
 <p>APTIMA Unisex Swab Collection Kit (APTIMA transport medium) Order Item #678715</p>	<p>Nucleic Acid Detection: <i>Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhoea</i> (including non-genital sites) and <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>. Note: This swab is <u>unsuitable</u> for culture (MCS) or PCR detection of any other pathogens.</p>	<p>After collection, (see instructions on back of swab package) insert the blue swab into the transport tube. Snap off the shaft at score line and cap the tube securely. Store & Transport at <u>Room Temp.</u></p>

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