

Special Instructions



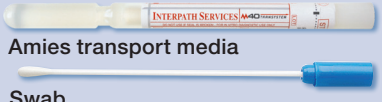
- Label swabs with patient's full name, date of birth, collection site, and date and time of collection
- Check expiry date of swabs prior to collection
- Ensure lid is firmly placed on all specimens
- Do **NOT** refrigerate swab specimen
- MULTIPLE** swabs are required if multiple tests are requested

Swab Guide

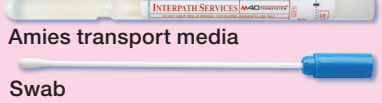

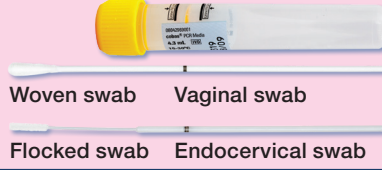



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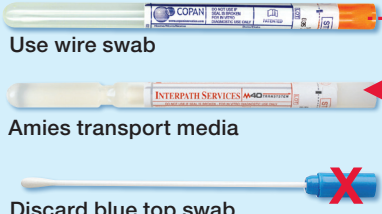

Test	Collection Equipment	Instructions	Re-order Number
Respiratory Tract PCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respiratory viruses Bordetella pertussis 	 Orange-capped flocked swab	A Nasopharyngeal swab is optimal; throat swab is an alternative. Once collected, place flocked swab back into dry tube with green label (No transport media required). Blue top swab not acceptable. DO NOT USE for CST self-collect.	24132
PCR on lesions for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varicella Zoster, Herpes Simplex Type 1 & 2 Syphilis Mycobacterium ulcerans 	 Dry swab	Once collected from lesion, place swab back into the dry tube (No transport media required). Blue top swab not acceptable.	11315
Bacterial microscopy culture sensitivity (Aerobes & Anaerobes)	 Amies transport media Swab	Collect a swab. Put swab into the tube containing Amies transport media for bacterial culture. If pus: take swab as above, or send pus in a sterile pot. Dry swabs not recommended.	11346

Genital Swabs **Note:** First Pass Urine can be used to test **males** for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea and Mycoplasma genitalium

FOR FEMALES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M,C&S (includes Gonorrhoea) and other bacterial pathogens 	 Amies transport media Swab	Use a separate swab to remove cervical mucous, discard. Collect sample with a second swab and place swab into tube containing Amies transport media (not suitable for PCR) .	11346
PCR for: (Separate swabs for each organism) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mycoplasma genitalium, Trichomonas Anal or throat for Gonorrhoea/Chlamydia Lesions – HSV, Syphilis 	 Dry swab	Use dry swab to collect a high vaginal (Trichomonas), Cervical (M. genitalium) or lesion swab. Once collected, place swab back into the dry tube (No transport media required).	11315
PCR for: Gonorrhoea/Chlamydia	 Woven swab Vaginal swab Flocked swab Endocervical swab	For vaginal swab, use the woven swab (uni kit) to collect sample. For endocervical swab, first use a separate swab to remove cervical mucous, discard; then use flocked swab (dual kit) to collect sample. Place collection swab into tube containing PCR media (Cobas®) and break along score-mark.	46046 – Vaginal (uni) swab kit 46047 – Endocervical (dual) swab kit
CST HPV PCR +/- LBC +/- PCR for Gonorrhoea/ Chlamydia	 Broom ThinPrep® vial	Use a separate swab to remove cervical mucous, discard. Use the 'Cervex broom' to collect the <u>cervical sample</u> , insert into the ThinPrep® solution and rinse vigorously. Used for Cervical Screening Test as well as HPV PCR testing.	11271 – ThinPrep® vial 12923 – Broom

CST self-collect (Cervical Screening Test)

Note: CST self-collect not available until further notice on advice from National Cervical Screening Program.

FOR MALES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M,C&S (includes Gonorrhoea culture) Culture for Ureaplasma and Mycoplasma hominis 	 Use wire swab Amies transport media Discard blue top swab	Collect sample with a wire swab. Put swab into the tube containing Amies transport media . (Amies transport media comes with blue top swab. Discard blue top swab.)	30232 + 11346
PCR for: (Separate swabs for each organism) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mycoplasma genitalium Trichomonas Gonorrhoea/Chlamydia trachomatis (includes LGV) Syphilis 	 Wire swab	Collect urethral discharge, anal, throat or lesion swab using a wire swab and place back into dry tube.	30232