

## Special Instructions



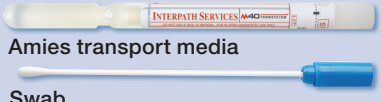
- Label swabs with patient's full name, date of birth, collection site, and date and time of collection
- Check expiry date of swabs prior to collection
- Ensure lid is firmly placed on all specimens
- Do **NOT** refrigerate swab specimen
- MULTIPLE** swabs are required if multiple tests are requested

# Swab Guide

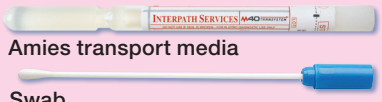

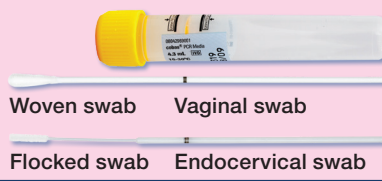



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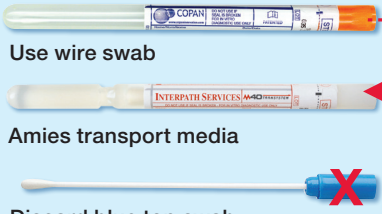

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Test	Collection Equipment	Instructions	Re-order Number
<b>Respiratory Tract PCR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respiratory viruses</li> <li>Bordetella pertussis</li> </ul>	 Orange-capped flocked swab	A Nasopharyngeal swab is optimal; throat 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. <b>DO NOT USE for CST self-collect.</b>	24132
<b>PCR on lesions for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Varicella Zoster, Herpes Simplex Type 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>Syphilis</li> <li>Mycobacterium ulcerans</li> </ul>	 Dry swab	Once collected from lesion, place swab back into the dry tube (No transport media required). Blue top swab not acceptable.	11315
<b>Bacterial microscopy culture sensitivity (Aerobes &amp; Anaerobes)</b>	 Amies transport media Swab	Collect a swab. Put swab into the tube containing <b>Amies transport media</b> 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

<b>FOR FEMALES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M,C&amp;S (includes Gonorrhoea) and other bacterial pathogens</li> </ul>	 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 <b>Amies transport media (not suitable for PCR)</b> .	11346
<b>PCR for: (Separate swabs for each organism)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mycoplasma genitalium, Trichomonas</li> <li>Anal or throat for Gonorrhoea/Chlamydia</li> <li>Lesions - HSV, Syphilis</li> </ul>	 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
<b>PCR for: Gonorrhoea/Chlamydia</b>	 Woven swab    Vaginal swab Flocked swab    Endocervical swab	For <b>vaginal</b> swab, use the woven swab (uni kit) to collect sample. For <b>endocervical</b> 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
<b>CST HPV PCR +/- LBC +/- PCR for Gonorrhoea/Chlamydia</b>	 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

**Note: CST self-collect not available at Melbourne Pathology until further notice.**

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