

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
- MULTIPLE swabs are required if multiple tests are requested
- Where a swab has a score-mark, collect sample, break along mark and place swab back into tube
- Ensure lid is firmly placed on all specimens
- Do NOT refrigerate swab specimen
- Do NOT discard liquid from swab
- WARNING: Do NOT put swab into liquid media prior to collection

[Click here for COVID swabs](#)

Insert swab shaft into tube, snap shaft at marked line and recap tube

General swab - culture (M/C/S)/PCR

Sigma Transwab® (standard shaft, orange top)

For:

- Culture of bacteria, mycobacteria and fungi
- Multi-resistant organism (e.g. MRSA)
- All PCR tests (excluding those under the yellow, red and pink banner)
- Includes HSV, Syphilis, M.ulcerans, Adenovirus,
- Eye (yellow top swab also required for Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea)



Respiratory PCR

Sigma Transwab® (thin shaft, blue top)

- Nasopharyngeal OR Nasopharyngeal/throat (Flu, respiratory viral PCR, Pertussis PCR)

A nasopharyngeal swab is optimal; throat swab is an alternative.

This swab can also be used for:

- Male urethral - Gonorrhoea culture - NOT PCR

**CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE -
USE ORANGE TRANSWAB ABOVE**



PCR for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, Trichomonas Vaginalis, M.genitalium

cobas® swab (yellow top)

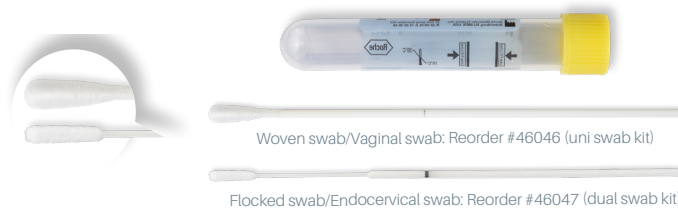
For:

- PCR for all Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, Trichomonas vaginalis and M.genitalium collections.
- Includes urethral, rectal, throat, vaginal and eye swabs (eyes swabs require 2 swabs to be taken - orange top swab and yellow top swab)
- Not suitable for bacterial culture
- Cannot be used for other PCR tests

Vaginal swab: use woven swab (uni kit).

Endocervical swab: first use separate swab to remove cervical mucous, discard, use flocked swab (dual kit).

Male patients: first stream urine preferred.



WARNING: Harmful if consumed. Keep out of reach of children.
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CST self-collect, buccal swab

Flocked swab (red top)

- Patient self-collect for HPV PCR (as instructed by clinician)
- Buccal swab for genetic tests



HPV/CST

ThinPrep®

- CST HPV PCR +/- LBC +/- PCR for Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea

Use a separate swab to remove cervical mucous, discard. Use the 'Cervex broom' to collect the cervical sample, insert into the ThinPrep® solution and rinse vigorously. Used for Cervical Screening Test as well as HPV PCR testing.



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