



Microbiology Swabs WHITE is the new Pink

Why the change to WHITE?

An international shortage of the Copan eSwab means Pathlab has had to source an alternative liquid based collection and transport swab. The alternative swab is the WHITE cap Puritan Opti-Swab Liquid Amies Collection & Transport System.

What does the new swab look like?

The Puritan Opti-Swab swab is identical to the pink Copan eSwab in both use and physical dimensions. The only noticeable difference is the WHITE screw cap and package/tube branding.



What does this mean for you?

Both the pink Copan swab and WHITE Puritan swab can be used for bacteriology microscopy, culture, and susceptibility testing. As with the eSwab, the Opti-Swab maintains viability of aerobic, anaerobic and fastidious bacteria for up to 48 hours, (gonorrhoea up to 24 hours), at room and refrigerator temperatures.

How long will we have WHITE cap swabs?

This is a permanent change to WHITE cap swabs. Over the next six months the pink cap Copan eSwab will be replaced by a WHITE cap Copan eSwab. Pathlab will then only supply WHITE cap swabs, (but will stock both the Copan eSwab and Puritan Opti-Swab brands).

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