






	Description	Swab Name	Shaft	Transport Medium	Comments	TEST				SITES												
						Bacterial	Virus NAAT	Pertussis NAAT	Chlamydia / Gono.	Sterile sites	Wounds , Skin	Low nose	Naso-pharynx	Throat	Skin for Herpes	Conjunctival	Ear	Vaginal	Urethral	Cervix, Rectal / STI		
White Screw Top Tube		Copan eSwab or Puritan Opti-Swab	Rigid plastic snap-able	Liquid Amies Medium	* Use black BD tube for cervix (chlamydia & gonorrhoea NAAT)	Y					Y	Y		Y		Y	Y			Y	*	
Orange		Copan 481CE	Flexible plastic snap-able	Liquid Amies Medium	* Use black BD tube for chlamydia & gonorrhoea NAAT	Y									Y	Y				Y	*	
Viral or Universal transport media tube (VTM), (UTM) variety of colours (Green, Red, Purple, Yellow, & more)		Viral testing- MUST specify virus to test for.	Standard flocced swab	Soft, white, snap-able	Liquid medium, screw top tube	SARS-CoV-2/ Influenza/RSV/ Measles/Pertussis: MUST be naso-pharyngeal swab, (nose &/or throat swab NOT suitable).		Y					Y		Y	Y	Y					
			Flexible flocced swab	Fine flexible plastic with flocced tip, snap-able Use for naso-pharyngeal	Liquid medium, screw top tube	Pertussis NAAT test only, culture is NOT available. (Note: Some Viral testing performed at Waikato hospital)		Y	Y				Y	Y	Y	Y	Y					
Black Screw Top Tube*		Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea Molecular testing	BD swab	Pink snap-able swab (NOT white swab)	Buffer	Recommended specimen: Female – vaginal or cervical swab; Male – first catch urine									Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	
		(Trichomonas on specific request)	BD urine preservative transport (UPT)	Transfer pipette	Urine preservative																Y	

NAAT = Nucleic acid amplification test

VTM = Viral Transport Medium

UTM = Universal Transport Medium