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Swab Chart November 2019

		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		General purpose bacterial swab	Copan eSwab or Puritan Opti-Swab	Rigid clear snap-able	Liquid Amies Medium	* Use black BD tube for cervix (gonorrhoea NAAT)	Y				**ASPIRATES OR TISSUE SAMPLES PREFERABLE**	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y		Y *
Orange		Small swab for ears, eyes, and urethral swabs for gonorrhoea	Copan 110C	Single, rigid wire-orange top	Amies	* Use black BD tube for gonorrhoea NAAT	Y										Y	Y		Y *	
Green Screw top Tube		Viral testing- **MUST** specify virus to test for. **Green or Red** top tube can be used except: Red must be used for naso-pharyngeal	Medical wire Virocult tube	Soft, white, snap-able	Liquid medium, screw top tube	Influenza/RSV/ Measles/Pertussis: MUST be naso-pharyngeal swab, (nose &/or throat swab NOT suitable). Pertussis NAAT test only, culture is NOT available. (Note: Some Viral testing performed at Waikato hospital)		Y				Y		Y	Y	Y				
Red Screw top Tube			Copan UTM swab	Fine flexible plastic with flocked tip **Use for naso-pharyngeal**	Liquid medium, screw top tube			Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Black Screw Top Tube*		Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea Molecular testing (Trichomonas on specific request)	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	Y
			BD urine preservative transport (UPT)	Transfer pipette	Urine preservative					Y										Y	

NAAT = Nucleic acid amplification test UTM = Universal Transport Medium