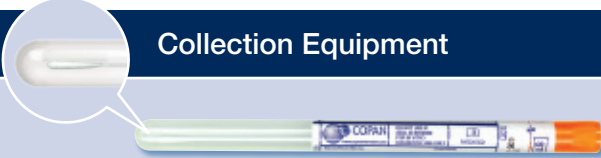




Swab Guide

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

| Test | Collection Equipment | Instructions |
|---|---|---|
| Respiratory PCR Respiratory viruses and <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> |  | Collect a Nasopharyngeal swab (this is optimal; throat swab is an alternative). Once collected, place dry swab into tube. |
| PCR on lesions for: Varicella zoster, Herpes simplex Type 1 & 2 |  | Once collected from lesion, place swab back into the dry tube (no transport media required). |
| Bacterial microscopy & culture (Aerobes & Anaerobes) |  | Collect a swab and place swab into the tube containing gel transport media. If pus: take swab as above or send pus in a sterile pot. |

Genital Swabs

Note: First Void Urine can be used to test for Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea for both males and females

FOR FEMALES

M,C&S for:

- Bacterial vaginosis*
- Trichomonas vaginalis*
- Candida albicans*



For female genital swabs, place swab into tube containing **gel transport media**. Note: for cervical swabs, use a separate swab to remove cervical mucous and discard.

PCR for:

- Chlamydia trachomatis*
- Neisseria gonorrhoeae*



Use dry swab to collect a high vaginal swab. Once collected, place swab back into the dry tube (no transport media required). First void urine is also suitable.

PCR for:

Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea – Cobas® (alternative swab)



Use a separate swab to remove cervical mucous, discard. Use the other to collect the cervical sample. Place collection swab into tube containing PCR media and break along score-mark. Alternatively, a swab can be submitted in a dry tube. First void urine is also suitable.

ThinPrep®

+/- PCR can be used for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea and HPV if swab is not supplied



Use a separate swab to remove cervical mucous, discard. Use the brush to collect the cervical sample and briskly rinse into the ThinPrep® solution. Please supply ThinPrep® in addition to pap smear and it will be processed if indicated (no charge to patient). Can also be used for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea and HPV if swab is not supplied.

FOR MALES

M,C&S for:

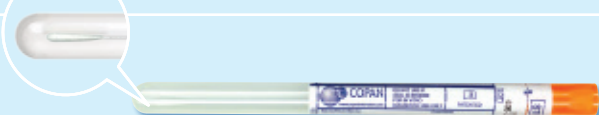
- Bacterial pathogens*
- Candida albicans*



Use a wire swab and place swab into the tube containing gel transport media.

PCR for:

- Chlamydia trachomatis*
- Neisseria gonorrhoeae*



Collect urethral discharge using a wire swab and place back into dry tube. First void urine is also suitable.