Swab Identification

Swab Description	Use	Instructions
Bacteriology Transport Swab (Blue Top) Contains Amies Transport Medium	 Bacterial culture from any site To isolate bacteria, fastidious organism and yeasts For screening: MRSA VRE Multi-resistant gram negative bacteria (MRGN) Includes Bacterial Vaginosis 	May be left overnight at room temperature except where anaerobic infection is suspected. Bacterial Culture only - NOT for PCR or SYPHILIS.
Liquid swab (Swab Nasal Samp Kit 10ML TBE 3ML MEDIUM50 (VIRAL))	PCR for: Enteroviruses Bordetella pertussis Respiratory viruses <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> and/or other causes of atypical bacterial pneumonia	Store at room temperature before and after collection. Please note : swab collected for viral testing should not be placed in Amies Transport Media. NOT suitable for bacterial culture.
COBAS PCR Media Dual Swab	 Molecular testing (genital, rectal, throat and eye): Chlamydia trachomatis Neisseria gonorrhoeae Mycoplasma genitalium Trichomonas vaginalis 	No special handling or transport requirements. Please note : Swab selection will vary depending on the site from which sample is to be collected. NOT suitable for bacterial culture.
Viral Transport Swab (Green Top) or Dry Swab Contains viral transport media (VTM)	 Viral PCR for: CMV HSV, VZV Enteroviruses Other viruses e.g. measles 	Store at room temperature before and after collection. NOT suitable for bacterial culture.
Cervical Screening Self Collect Kit	HPV PCR ONLY Note: This swab is only used in the Self Collect Kit. Self-collect - HPV Specimen Collection. Vaginal samples only.	A Self Collect HPV Specimen guide is available at laverty.com.au in the Cervical screening section. Samples submitted without swirling into a Thinprep vial cannot be processed at Laverty.



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