




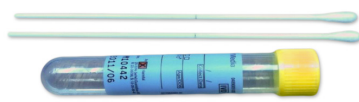






Swab Guide

Use	Swab type	Instructions
Bacterial swab – microscopy and culture		
Culture and sensitivity Most sites and lesions	 Blue top swab Product #11346	Please refer to instructions on packaging
To collect nasopharyngeal swab for culture and sensitivity please use orange top swab (thin shaft) – available upon request – Product #24132 and place in the medium provided with blue swab Product #11346		
PCR swab (flocked swab, no transport medium) – 1 PCR swab preferred for each test		
Herpes simplex and/or Varicella zoster	 Red top swab – supplied by default – Product #24159	Swab from lesion
Bordetella pertussis	 Red top swab – supplied by default – Product #24159	Posterior pharynx or nasopharynx swab
Respiratory viruses	 Orange top swab (thin shaft) – available upon request – Product #24132	Throat and nose swabs
Trichomonas vaginalis/other genital PCR	 Orange top swab (thin shaft) – available upon request – Product #24132	Vaginal/urethral swab
Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea PCR		
Female	 Female PCR swab – Product #31588	Cervical/vaginal/eye PCR swab
Male	Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea	Urine – first part void
Swab for other viral tests – the majority of viruses are now detected by PCR as above		
Antigen detection e.g. measles	 Green top swab – Product #10989	Please refer to instructions on packaging
Viral culture Please contact microbiologist 02 98 555 312	 Green top swab – Product #10989	Please refer to instructions on packaging