



Swab guide

General instructions

- Essential labelling information:
 - Full name, date of birth, gender
 - Collector initials
 - Site, date and time of collection
- Check expiry date of swab prior to use
- Ensure cap is replaced firmly
- Swabs should not be refrigerated
- PCR requests – one swab per pathogen

Microbiology swabs (bacterial culture, bacterial/viral PCR)

Insert swab shaft into tube, snap shaft at marked line and recap tube

Sigma Transwab® (standard shaft, orange top) - Sampling any site, including genital

- Bacterial culture (aerobic and anaerobic)
- All bacterial and viral PCR (except MRSA)
- Screening for multi-resistant organisms (except MRSA)
- NOT for cervical screening for HPV



Product # 55625

Sigma Transwab® (thin shaft, blue top) - Nasopharyngeal collections only

- Pertussis and/or respiratory virus PCR



Product # 56316

Special collections

Flocked swab (red top)

- Patient self-collect for HPV PCR (must be supervised by clinician)
- Buccal swab for some genetic tests



Product # 24159

cobas® swab for chlamydia/gonorrhoea PCR (yellow top)

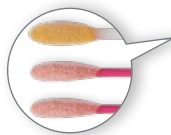
- Specifically for cobas® CT/NG PCR assay
- Cannot be used for other PCR collections
- Cotton swab to clear excess cervical mucus
 - this swab must be discarded
- Flocked swab for specimen collection



Product # 46047

MRSA screening PCR ESwab kit (2x pink shaft + 1x white shaft, pink top) - One swab per site

- Specifically for MRSA screening
- Swab collection sites include throat, nose & groin; +/- wound. If any wound sites are present, use Sigma Transwab® (standard shaft, orange top) for each wound site.



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