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SWABS UPDATE

Please find attached an updated list of swabs available from our store for Microbiology. A short explanatory note accompanies the pictures.

We suggest you laminate the pages for use in your surgeries.

The main changes are for Chlamydia collection- (swabs and urine), instructions for Bordetella culture and PCR testing and most recently, a new transport system for virus testing.

Also included are the requirements for respiratory virus (including influenza) testing for this winter 2010.

It is important that you pass these on to your practise nurses and any other staff who may be collecting specimens.

NB: Please discard any previous charts you may have as they are now out of date.

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