








	Description	Swab Name	Shaft	Transport Medium	Comments	TESTS						SITES															
						Bacterial	Virus PCR	Virus culture	Pertussis PCR	Pertussis culture	Chlamydia / Gono.	Sterile sites	Wounds , Skin	Low nose	Naso-pharynx	Throat	Skin for Herpes	Conjunctival	Ear	Vaginal	Urethral	Cervix, Rectal / STI					
<b>Pink Screw Top Tube</b>		General purpose bacterial swab	Copane swab	Rigid clear snap-able	Liquid Amies Medium	* Use yellow PCR tube for cervix, etc.	Y									Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y			Y*	
<b>Orange</b>		Small swab for ears, eyes, and urethral swabs for gonorrhoea	Copan	Single, rigid wire-orange top	Amies	* Use yellow PCR tube for gonorrhoea	Y												Y	Y						Y*	
<b>White/Blue Top Fine Flexible wire (two tubes)</b>		Flexible for naso-pharynx. Use dry for PCR, charcoal for culture	Copan	Fine, flexible twisted wire	*PCR - Dry tube ** Culture - Amies with Charcoal					Y*	Y**							Y									
<b>Green Screw top Tube</b>		For viral culture and PCR testing	Medical wire sigma Virocult	Soft, white, snap-able	Liquid medium, screw top tube	Most Viral testing performed at Waikato hospital		Y	Y								Y	Y*	Y	Y	Y						
<b>Orange Flocked Swab</b>		Respiratory virus swab (including influenza testing)	Copan flocked swab; cut/break into Virocult tube	Fine, plastic with flocked tip	Liquid medium, screw top tube			Y	Y	Y							Y										
<b>Yellow Screw Top Tube</b>		Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea PCR	Cobas PCR swab	White snap-able swab	PCR Buffer	Recommended specimen: Female – vaginal or cervical swab; Male – first catch urine							Y						Y		Y		Y	Y	Y		
			Cobas PCR urine	Transfer pipette												Y											Y

ASPIRATES OR TISSUE SAMPLES PREFERABLE