







	Description	Swab Name	Shaft	Transport Medium	Comments	TEST				SITES												
						Bacterial	Virus NAAT	Pertussis NAAT	Chlamydia / Gono.	Sterile sites	Wounds , Skin	Low nose	Naso-pharynx	Throat	Skin for Herpes	Conjunctival	Ear	Vaginal	Urethral	Cervix, Rectal / STI		
Blue	 General purpose bacterial swab	Copan 108C	Rigid clear	Gel Amies Medium	* Use black BD tube for cervix (gonorrhoea NAAT)	Y				ASPIRATES OR TISSUE SAMPLES PREFERABLE	Y	Y		Y		Y	Y	Y		Y*		
Orange	 Small swab for ears, eyes, and urethral swabs for gonorrhoea	Copan 110C	Single, rigid wire-orange top	Amies	* Use black BD tube for gonorrhoea NAAT	Y											Y	Y		Y*		
Green Screw top Tube	 General viral testing (specify virus to test for)	Medical wire Virocult tube	Soft, white, snap-able	Liquid medium, screw top tube	Some Viral testing performed at Waikato hospital		Y						Y		Y	Y	Y					
Red Screw top Tube	 Respiratory virus testing (including Influenza), And Pertussis testing	Copan UTM swab	Fine plastic with flocced tip	Liquid medium, screw top tube	Influenza/RSV: Must be naso-pharyngeal swab, (nose &/or throat swab NOT suitable). Pertussis NAAT only, culture is NOT available.		Y	Y						Y								
Black Screw Top Tube	 Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea Molecular testing	BD swab	Pink snap-able swab (NOT white swab)	Buffer	Recommended specimen: Female – vaginal or cervical swab;				Y					Y		Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	
	 (Trichomonas on specific request)	BD urine preservative transport (UPT)	Transfer pipette	Urine preservative	Male – first catch urine				Y									Y				

NAAT = Nucleic acid amplification test

UTM = Universal Transport Medium