STI/Genital Swab Guide

Queries phone CSCL Microbiology 03 359 0957

Label all specimens with TWO points of identification (full name, and date of birth or NHI)
Include relevant clinical details with ALL requests

***** NB other specimen types e.g. urine not in the Aptima collection kit, orange floq swabs, dry self collect swabs, Surepath cannot be tested for STI's and will be rejected ******

Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs) for *Chlamydia and N. gonorrhoeae*

Hologic APTIMA Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit - pink swab and orange label tube

All ?STI sites e.g. vulvovaginal, eye, anal, throat

- Female - vulvovaginal swab (clinician or self- collected) is preferred site
- Remove cap, insert swab, **snap at black line** re-cap tube firmly
- **Do not pierce foil cap**
- Only use pink shaft swab provided
- **Keep upright when cap is off.** If liquid spills or is tipped from vial, use fresh collection kit
- Store at 2-30°C prior to laboratory transport

Female Bacterial/STI Culture (including **susceptibility** testing)

Female **Bacterial Vaginosis** (BV), ***N. gonorrhoeae*** **culture, Candida, Trichomonas**

Purple topped white shaft bacterial swab
Cervical swab for ***N. gonorrhoeae***
High Vaginal for **BV, Candida, Trichomonas**

Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs) for *Chlamydia and N. gonorrhoeae*

Hologic APTIMA Urine Specimen Collection Kit (yellow label tube)

***NOTE: Male Anal and Throat sites, use orange label Multitest Swab as above**

- Male - a **first void urine** passed into urine pottle (first 20mL of stream, preferably at least 1 hour after last voiding)
- Remove cap from yellow labelled tube. **Keep tube upright – tube contains liquid.** Using pipette, draw urine from the pottle up to the top line and transfer to the yellow labelled tube. Re-cap tube firmly Discard urine pottle and pipette
  - Urine **must** be sent to the laboratory in urine collection tube (yellow label)
  - Urine **must** be transferred to the **collection tube within 24 hours** of collection or test will be invalid
- **Do not pierce foil cap**

Male Bacterial/STI Culture (including **susceptibility** testing)

Blue topped Charcoal wire swab male urethral collections for ***N. gonorrhoeae*** **culture and susceptibilities**

Herpes simplex 1 & 2

Hologic APTIMA Multitest Swab

Include SITE and TEST when labelling swab e.g. Vulva and Herpes (to distinguish from swabs for Chlamydia & N.gonorrhoeae testing)

Mycoplasma Genitalium

First Void Urine passed (first stream, preferably at least 1 hour after last voiding)