






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 <i>Chlamydia</i> and <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i>	
<p><b>Hologic APTIMA Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit</b> - pink swab and orange label tube</p>  <p>All ?STI sites e.g. vulvovaginal, eye, anal, throat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Female</b> - vulvovaginal swab (clinician or self- collected) is preferred site</li> <li>Remove cap, insert swab, <b>snap at black line</b>.</li> <li>Re-cap tube firmly.</li> <li><b>Do not pierce foil cap.</b></li> <li>Only use pink shaft swab provided.</li> <li><b>Keep upright when cap is off.</b> If liquid spills or is tipped from vial, use fresh collection kit.</li> <li>Store at 2-30°C prior to laboratory transport.</li> </ul>
Female Bacterial/STI Culture (including susceptibility testing)	
Female <b>Bacterial Vaginosis (BV), <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> culture, Candida, Trichomonas</b>	
<p><b>Purple topped white shaft bacterial swab</b> <b>Cervical swab</b> for <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> <b>High Vaginal</b> for BV, Candida, Trichomonas</p>	
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<p><b>Hologic APTIMA <u>Urine</u> Specimen Collection Kit</b> (yellow label tube)</p>  <p><b>*NOTE: Male Anal and Throat sites, use orange label Multitest Swab as above</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Male</b> - a <b>first void urine</b> passed into urine pottle (first 20mL of stream, preferably at least 1 hour after last voiding).</li> <li>Remove cap from yellow labelled tube. <b>Keep tube upright – tube contains liquid.</b> Using pipette, draw urine from the pottle up to the top line and transfer to the yellow labelled tube.</li> <li>Re-cap tube firmly discard urine pottle and pipette. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urine <b>must</b> be sent to the laboratory in urine collection tube (yellow label).</li> <li>Urine <b>must</b> be transferred to the <b>collection tube within 24 hours</b> of collection or test will be invalid.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Do not pierce foil cap.</b></li> </ul>
Male Bacterial/STI Culture (including susceptibility testing)	
<p><b>Blue topped Charcoal wire swab</b> male urethral collections for <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> culture and susceptibilities</p>	
Herpes simplex 1 & 2	
<p><b>Hologic APTIMA Multitest Swab</b></p> 	<p>Include <b>SITE</b> and <b>TEST</b> when labelling swab e.g. Vulva and Herpes (to distinguish from swabs for Chlamydia and <i>N.gonorrhoeae</i> testing ).</p>
Mycoplasma Genitalium	
<p>First Void Urine passed (first stream, preferably at least 1 hour after last voiding).</p>	