

Swab Guide

Queries phone Microbiology 03 359 0957

Bacterial Swabs (NOT suitable for PCR)

THROAT, WOUND, SKIN, GENITAL etc. for the isolation of bacteria including for *N. gonorrhoeae* culture and examination for Bacterial vaginosis.



EAR, URETHRAL and INACCESSIBLE PLACES for isolation of **ALL** bacteria (including *N. gonorrhoeae* culture)



Viral swab (NOT suitable for culture)

HERPES SIMPLEX 1&2, VARICELLA ZOSTER (Chicken pox/shingles), **ADENOVIRUS**

Suitable for all herpetic lesions/infections including skin lesions, eye, oral, and genital sites.

Request form needs to include a request for a specific virus, e.g., "HSV", a 'viral' request is insufficient to direct testing.



For public health reasons please take the below samples at time of consultation.

Please DO NOT send patients to Awanui Collection Rooms.

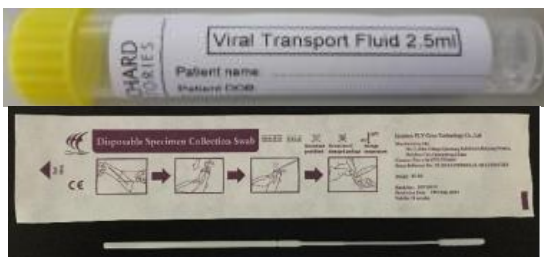
*****NOTE:** These tests require appropriate clinical information or approval by a clinical microbiologist

VTM viral swab kit

Supplied by Canterbury Health Laboratories (CHL) only

Phone 03 364 0484

or email labinfo@cdhb.health.nz



Bordetella pertussis

Nasopharyngeal swab in Viral Transport media

Morbilli (measles)

*****Must be discussed with Public Health*****

Nasopharyngeal swab in Viral Transport media

Mumps

Saliva/Buccal swab in Viral Transport media

Respiratory viruses

Nasopharyngeal swab in Viral Transport media