

STI/Genital Swab Guide

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

<i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>, <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>, and <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>*See note SWAB	
APTIMA Multitest Swab Collection Kit: contains swab and orange label transport media tube 	- Vulvovaginal swab (clinician or self- collected) - Eye (Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea only) - Anal or Throat (Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea only) * NOTE: <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> tested only on request. Trichomonas can be tested on the same Aptima swab collected for Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea. - Do not spill fluid. Store at 2-30°C prior to laboratory transport.
BV, Candida, and Culture (where indicated) – CLINICAL DETAILS MANDATORY	
Purple topped white shaft bacterial swab with transport media tube 	Bacterial vaginosis (Vaginal swab) Candida (Vaginal or Vulval swab) <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> susceptibility testing (where indicated; Cervical swab)
URINE for <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> and <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	
APTIMA Urine Specimen Collection Kit: yellow label tube and transfer pipette for FCU 	- Collect 20mL First Catch Urine (FCU) in plain pottle. Transfer to Aptima tube. - Urine must be transferred to the collection tube within 24 hours of collection or test is unreliable. - Urine must be sent to the lab in Aptima tube. - Do not spill fluid, add urine to fill between the marked lines.
Urethral Bacterial Culture (including susceptibility testing)	
Orange topped wire swab with bacterial transport media tube 	Urethral collections, including for <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> culture and susceptibility testing
Herpes simplex 1 & 2	
Green-top swab with viral sponge tube 	Swab from herpes lesion - Request form needs to include a request for a specific virus, e.g "HSV"; a 'Viral' only request is insufficient to direct testing. NOT suitable for bacterial culture/gram.
<i>Mycoplasma Genitalium</i> – requires relevant clinical detail and/or Microbiologist approval	
Preferred sample - First Void Urine in plain pottle (first 20mL of stream, at least 1 hour after last voiding).	