

Which swab/specimen for which test?



**Awanui
Labs
Northland**

Bacterial Culture Swab (Purple cap)



Bacterial culture and Gram stain, Candida/yeast, Bacterial culture

Viral Swab PCR

Including Covid, Measles, Mumps, HSV/VZV, and Pertussis PCR



Use flexible flock swab and place inside the UTM PCR vial

Keep swabs in fridge

PLEASE NOTE: Do not use for Chlamydia PCR

Chlamydia/N.Gono/Trichomonas (White Cap)



Females – Cervical swab or self-collect vulvo-vaginal swab

Males – Urethral swab
The blue swab is the only swab to be placed in the collection tube.

The **white shaft** swab is a **cleaning swab** which is used to remove excess mucus from the cervix it must not be placed in the tube.

Urine for MSU



Collect in a yellow top pot or urine tube. Twist the top of urine tube off, pour in urine sample until it is $\frac{3}{4}$ full, and replace top twisting on

Keep urines in fridge

BD SurePath Liquid-based Pap Test



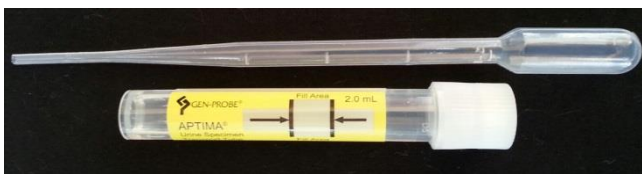
Order SurePath Cervix Broom
SurePath Cytobrush & Spatula
SurePath Vial
SurePath Vial Base Stand

HPV self-collect swab (Copan 552C)



**This swab can only be used for HPV testing
(This is not a viral swab and cannot be used for any other virus)**

Collection of Urogenital Specimens

Pathogen of Interest	Collection Device	Site/specimen	Request Form/notes
Group B Streptococcus screen in pregnancy, 35-37 weeks gestation		Low vaginal then rectal (i.e. same swab – can be self-collect) ¹	GBS screen, pregnancy, 35-37 weeks gestation
Candida/yeast		High vaginal swab ²	Symptomatic patients
Bacterial Vaginosis		High vaginal swab ²	Symptomatic patients aged 13-60y
Chlamydia Gonorrhoea Trichomonas (Male)		First void urine (Male)	Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea. Trichomonas (on request) NAAT
Chlamydia Gonorrhoea Trichomonas (Female)		Self-collect vaginal swab or cervical swab	Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, Trichomonas (on request) NAAT

¹ The combined low vaginal swab then rectal swab can **only** be used for Group B Streptococcus culture

² Only one high vaginal swab is required for Candida and Bacterial Vaginosis examination