



# Swab Guide for Doctors

USE	SWAB TYPE	INSTRUCTIONS
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## BACTERIAL SWAB – MICROSCOPY AND CULTURE

<b>Culture &amp; Sensitivity</b> Most sites and lesions		Please refer to instructions on packaging
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To collect nasopharyngeal swab for culture and sensitivity please use orange top swab (Nasopharyngeal)  
– available upon request – Stores Order #1299 and place in the medium provided with blue swab Stores Order # 3338

## PCR SWAB (Flocked Swab, no transport medium)

<b>Herpes simplex and/or Varicella zoster</b>	 <b>Red Top Swab</b> – supplied by default – Stores Order #5290  OR   <b>Orange Top Swab (Nasopharyngeal)</b> – available upon request – Stores Order #1299	Swab from lesion
<b>Chlamydia trachomatis and/or N.gonorrhoeae</b>		Cervical/urethal/eye swab
<b>Genital Mycoplasma/ Ureaplasma</b>		M: urethra or under foreskin F: low vagina
<b>Bordetella pertussis</b>		Posterior pharynx or nasopharynx swab
<b>Respiratory viruses</b>		Throat and nose
<b>Trichomonas vaginalis</b>		Vaginal/urethal swab

— A separate swab is required for each group of organisms —

## SWAB FOR OTHER VIRAL TESTS The majority of viruses are now detected by PCR from flocked swabs described above

<b>Antigen Detection</b> <i>eg. measles</i>	 Product #3734	Use flocked swab, red or orange top, and place in medium provided with green top Stores order #3734
<b>Viral Culture – rarer viruses</b>		Please contact Customer Service on (02) 4224 7474