

Guide to swabs

Patient Request Forms and **Swabs** must be labelled with the body site from which the sample was taken.
This is important. The swab site determines the appropriate culture media required to target the most likely pathogens.

Culture Swabs - Bacterial Infections

SITE	CODE	SAMPLE TYPE
Candida only swab	CANC	Black or Blue Micro Swab
Cervical swab	CERS	Black or Blue Micro Swab
Ear swab	EARS	Blue or Orange Micro Swab
Eye swab	EYES	Blue or Orange Micro Swab
Gonorrhoea	GONN	Black Charcoal Swab (specify site)
High vaginal swab	HVS	Black or Blue Micro Swab
Nasal swab	NASS	Blue or Orange Micro Swab
Oral swab	ORSW	Black or Blue Micro Swab
Penile swab	PENS	Black or Orange Micro Swab
Skin swab	SKIS	Blue Micro Swab
Throat swab	THRS	Blue Micro Swab
Urethral swab	URES	Orange Micro Swab or Orange Charcoal Swab
Vaginal swab	VAGS	Black or Blue Micro Swab
Vulval swab	VULV	Black or Blue Micro Swab
Wound swab	WOUS	Black or Blue Micro Swab (specify site)

MRSA by Culture

CODE	SAMPLE TYPE
MRSW	Blue Micro Swab x 1 – state site
MRW2	Blue Micro Swab x 2 – state sites

Rapid MRSA by PCR

CODE	SAMPLE TYPE
MRSA	Blue Micro Swab x 1 – state site
MRS2	Blue Micro Swab x 2 – state sites



Order code: **MW170**
Dark Blue Microbiology Swab (Culture)



Order code: **MW172C**
Orange Wire Shaft Microbiology Swab (Charcoal)



Order code: **MW171**
Black Charcoal Microbiology Swab (Culture)



Order code: **MW172P**
Orange Wire Shaft Microbiology Swab (Culture)

PCR Swabs - Viral infections

SITE	CODE	SAMPLE TYPE
FAST Chlamydia - PCR Swab	FSCT	PCR Swab - Not Aptima Swab
FAST CT/GC - PCR Swab	FSCG	PCR Swab - Not Aptima Swab
FAST CT/GC - Rectal PCR Swab	FRCG	PCR Swab - Not Aptima Swab
FAST CT/GC - Throat PCR Swab	FTCG	PCR Swab - Not Aptima Swab
FAST Gonorrhoea - PCR Swab	FSGN	PCR Swab - Not Aptima Swab
Chlamydia - PCR Swab	SPCR	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea - PCR Swab	SCG	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea - Rectal	RSCG	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea - Throat	TSCG	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea/Trichomonas - PCR Swab	SCGT	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
CT/GC/Trichomonas/Mgen - PCR Swab	SGTM	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Gardnerella vaginalis by PCR	GVPC	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Gonorrhoea - PCR Swab	SGON	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Haemophilus ducreyi by PCR	DUCR	PCR Swab: Aptima
Herpes Simplex (HSV) 1 & 2 (PCR/Self-collect) (Oral or Genital)	HERS	PCR Swab: Aptima
Lymphogranuloma Venerium (LGV) (PCR)	LGVP	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Macrolide Resistance Test (Mgen)	MGR	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Mpox Virus - Lesion	MPXV	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Mycoplasma genitalium by PCR	MGEN	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Mycoplasma genitalium/ Ureaplasma by PCR	MUPC	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Syphilis by PCR (chancere)	SYPS	PCR Swab: Aptima
Trichomonas vaginalis	TVPC	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Ureaplasma urealyticum by PCR	UGEN	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab
Vaginitis/BV Profile (Culture & PCR/Self-collect)	STD8	PCR Swab: Aptima Swab and Blue or Orange Micro Swab
Viral Respiratory RNA Screen by PCR	VPR	PCR Swab: Aptima
COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) RNA by PCR	NCOV	PCR Swab: Aptima
Whooping Cough (Pertussis) by PCR	PERP	Orange PCR Swab / Prenasal (posterior nasopharynx) Swab



Order code: **MW142**

Orange Aluminium Thin Wire Dry Swab (PCR)
Small sites: eg, Nasal, penile and eye



Order code: **PRD-03546**

Aptima Multitest Swab
All sites