






## Microbiology Swab Specimen Collection

Investigation	Collection Container/kit	Tests – Refer also to the Pathology Handbook Test & Collection Guide
<b>STIPCR -</b> <b>Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea/</b> <b>Trichomonas vaginalis</b> <b>(CT/NG/TV)</b>		<b>Females:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cervical/Endocervical swab for STIPCR</li> <li>First-stream urine (15-20mLs) as alternative/additional test (after not voiding for at least 2 hours).</li> </ul> <b>Males:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First-stream urine (15-20mLs) is the preferred specimen (after not voiding for at least 2 hours)</li> </ul> <b>Throat swab</b> <b>Rectal Swab</b>
<b>Herpes PCR</b> <b>(HSV-1, HSV-2, VZV,</b> <b>CMV, Adenovirus,</b> <b>Enterovirus)</b> <b>&amp; All other non-</b> <b>respiratory PCR requests</b> <b>(except CT/NG/TV)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White-top dry swab</li> </ul>
<b>General wound MCS</b>  <b>Group B Screen (GBS)</b>  <b>CRE/CPO Screen</b>  <b>MRSA Screen</b>  <b>VRE Screen</b>  <b>C.auris Screen</b>		<b>Open wounds:</b> Clean with a swab moistened with normal sterile saline until red granulation tissue is visible.  <b>Closed wounds:</b> Clean away excess debris and purulent material from the opening.  <b>GBS:</b> Blue-top swab for combined low vaginal and rectal swab. See <a href="http://ehpolicies.eh.local:90/index.aspx?itemDetails=2546">http://ehpolicies.eh.local:90/index.aspx?itemDetails=2546</a>  <b>CRE:</b> Rectal swab AND separate inguinal swab (Faecal specimen is preferable, rectal swab MUST have visible faeces).  <b>MRSA:</b> Nose & groin swabs, +/- axilla +/- throat  <b>VRE:</b> Rectal swab with visible faeces  <b>C.auris:</b> bilateral axilla and groin swabs

<p><b>Genital MCS</b></p>		<p><b>Genital MCS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Females - High vaginal swab/Cervical swab. (For Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea/Trichomonas vaginalis PCR see STIPCR section).</li> <li>Males – Urethral swab (use orange top charcoal swab – see below)</li> </ul>
<p><b>COVID-19/Influenza A/Influenza B/ RSV PCR</b></p> <p><b>Extended Respiratory PCR including Bordetella pertussis PCR.</b></p>		<p><b>Gonorrhoea culture or Urethral swab MCS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect a nose &amp; throat swab for COVID19/Influenza A/Influenza B/RSV PCR.</li> <li>For Bordetella pertussis PCR - Nasopharyngeal swab is preferred specimen.</li> </ul>

**General Instructions:**

- Label all specimens with
  - Patient's surname and given name
  - UR no (if available)
  - Date of birth
  - Site of collection and
  - Date/time of collection
- Store swabs for M&C at room temperature prior to transport to the laboratory.
- Chlamydia/ Gonorrhoea/**Trichomonas** PCR (white-top) swabs and first pass urine specimens **MUST** be received in an EHP laboratory **within 2 hours of collection.**

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