



Swab Guide

Special Instructions

- Label swabs with patient's Surname, Given Name, Date of Birth, Date and Time of collection
- All Swabs and ThinPrep vials must be stored at room temperature (15-25degC). Before use, check the expiry date and do not use beyond expiration date.
- Ensure lid is firmly placed on all specimens
- Do not refrigerate swab specimen

Test

Collection Equipment

Nasopharyngeal Swab
Respiratory PCR
 Respiratory viruses and
 Bordetella pertussis



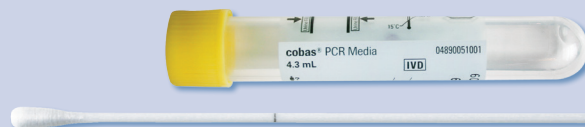
Bacterial Swab
Culture and Sensitivity
 Most sites and lesions



Viral Swab
 Herpes simplex, varicella zoster



PCR:
Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea - Cobas®
 Testing can also be done on first stream
 urine specimens and ThinPrep® vials



HPV PCR
 +/- ThinPrep Pap Test
 +/- PCR for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea,
 Ureaplasma, Mycoplasma, (see above)



**For smaller sites or lesions eg. urethral
 swabs/sinus swabs**

