

## 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

| 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 (specfy 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                |
| Rectal swab       | RECG | Black or Blue 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 (specfy 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

| SITE  | CODE | SAMPLE TYPE  |
|---|------|--|
| Chlamydia - PCR Swab  | SPCR | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea - PCR Swab                                 | SCG  | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea - Rectal                                   | RSCG | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea - Throat                                   | TSCG | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Chlamydia/Gonorrhoea/Trichomonas - PCR Swab                     | SCGT | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| CT/GC/Trichomonas/Mgen - PCR Swab                               | SGTM | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Gardnerella vaginalis by PCR                                    | GVPC | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Gonorrhoea - PCR Swab   | SGON | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Haemophilus ducreyi by PCR                                      | DUCR | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> or <b>Green</b> Swab                             |
| Herpes Simplex (HSV) 1 & 2 (PCR/Self-collect) (Oral or Genital) | HERS | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> or <b>Green</b> Swab                             |
| HPV (Individually typed low & high risk DNA subtypes)           | HP20 | PCR Swab / <b>Qvintip</b> (HPV kit)                                      |
| Lymphogranuloma Venerium (LGV) (PCR)                            | LGVP | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Macrolide Resistance Test (Mgen)                                | MGR  | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Mpox Virus - Lesion   | MPXV | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Mycoplasma genitalium by PCR                                    | MGEN | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Mycoplasma genitalium/ Ureaplasma by PCR                        | MUPC | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Syphilis by PCR (chancere)                                      | SYPS | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> or <b>Green</b> Swab                             |
| Trichomonas vaginalis   | TVPC | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Ureaplasma urealyticum by PCR                                   | UGEN | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab   |
| Vaginitis/BV Profile (Culture & PCR/Self-collect)               | STD8 | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> Swab and <b>Blue</b> or <b>Orange</b> Micro Swab |
| Viral Respiratory RNA Screen by PCR                             | VPR  | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> or <b>Green</b> Swab                             |
| COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) RNA by PCR                                | NCOV | PCR Swab: <b>Aptima</b> or <b>Green</b> Swab                             |
| Whooping Cough (Pertussis) by PCR                               | PERP | <b>Orange</b> PCR Swab / Prenasal (posterior nasopharynx) Swab           |



Order code: **MW142**  
Orange Aluminium Wire Dry Microbiology Swab (PCR)



Order code: **PRD-03546**  
Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit



Order code: **MW951S**  
Green Sigma Virocult Swab and Vial (PCR)