Waikato Hospital – laboratory swab guide July 2014

Waikato District Health Board
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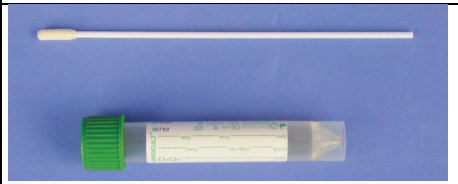
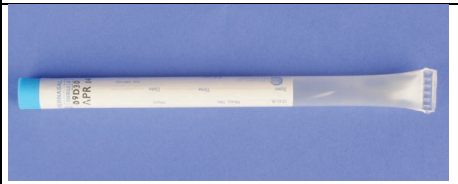
Colour	Photo	Description	Swab Name	Shaft	Transport Medium	Tests					Sites							
			(Oracle ordering code)			Bacterial	Virus PCR	Virus culture & immunofluoresce	Chlamydia and Gono PCR	Pertussis PCR	Sterile site	Wounds, ulcer, skins	Low nose	Naopharyngeal	Throat	Skin for Herpes	Conjunctival	Cervix and vaginal
Standard Swabs																		
Purple		**Bacterial**	Fort Richard Copan H245 (101122)	plastic	Amies gel								MRSA only					
Green		**Viral**	Sigma-Virocult MW950S (108578)	Plastic snappable	Green cap tube MW950S viral culture and PCR medium													
Blue		**Nasopharygeal**	Medical wire MW160 (147201)	Flexi twisted wire	Dry or Tip can be snipped off into green viral/PCR tube													
Orange		**Chlamydia swab** and urine multicollect kit	Abbott multi-collect 9K12-01 (154519)	Plastic snappable	Orange cap tube PCR buffer													
Special Purpose																		
Orange		**Ears**	Transwab MW172 (123629)	Single bendable wire	Amies gel													