Waikato Hospital – laboratory swab guide June 2018

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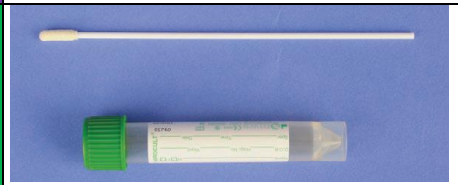
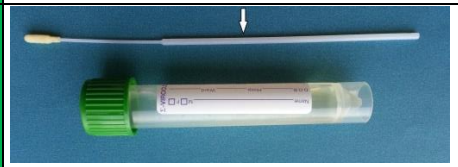
Colour	Photo	Description	Swab Name	Shaft	Transport Medium	Organisms				Sites							
			(Oracle ordering code)			Bacterial	Virus	Gono Chlamydia and Trich	Pertussis	Sterile site	Wounds, ulcer, skins	Low nose	Naopharyngeal	Throat	Skin for Herpes	Conjunctival	Cervix and vaginal
Standard Swabs																	
Purple		**Bacterial**	Swab Transport Amies clear (101122)	plastic	Amies gel							MRSA only					
Green		**Viral**	Swab Sigma Virocult Small vial (179109)	Plastic Hard snappable	Green cap tube MW950S PCR / culture medium												
Green		**Nasopharyngeal**	Swab Pernasal Large vial (212550)	Fine Flexi snappable	Green cap tube MW950S PCR / culture medium or dry												
Orange		**Gono / Chlamydia / Trichomonas** swab and urine multicollect kit	Kit specimen multicollection (154519)	Plastic snappable	Orange cap tube PCR buffer												
Special Purpose																	
Orange		**Ears**	Swab ENT/ Urethral swab (123629)	Single bendable wire	Amies gel												