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Standard Swabs					
Dark Purple		Bacterial Wound, ulcer, skin, throat, conjunctiva, cervix and vagina Low nose for MRSA only	Swab Transport Amies clear (271945)	Plastic	Amies gel
Green		Viral - Standard Herpes Simplex: mouth, eyes, genital Chickenpox/Shingles: skin Mumps: buccal Adenovirus: eyes only Hand, Foot & Mouth: skin vesicles	Swab Sigma Virocult (275019)	Plastic Hard snappable	Green cap tube Viral transport medium
Light Purple		Viral - Nasopharyngeal Respiratory viruses including COVID Pertussis Measles	Fort Richard Laboratories (305323)	Fine Flexi snappable	Light purple cap tube Viral transport fluid
Orange		Gono / Chlamydia / Trichomonas Cervix and vagina Conjunctiva	Alinity multi-Collect Specimen Collection Kit (302151)	Plastic snappable	Orange cap tube Transport buffer
Special Purpose					
Orange		Bacterial - Ears Ear, wound, ulcer, skin	Swab ENT / Urethral swab (275018)	Single bendable wire	Amies gel