






# Waikato Hospital Laboratory - Swab Guide June 2019



Colour	Photo	Description and use	Swab name (Oracle ordering code)	Shaft	Transport medium
<b>Standard Swabs</b>					
Purple		<b><u>Bacterial</u></b> Wound, ulcer, skin, throat, conjunctiva, cervix and vagina Low nose <b>for MRSA only</b>	Swab Transport Amies clear (271945)	Plastic	Amies gel
Green		<b><u>Viral - Standard</u></b> <b>Herpes Simplex:</b> mouth, eyes, genital <b>Chickenpox/Shingles:</b> skin <b>Mumps:</b> buccal <b>Adenovirus:</b> eyes only <b>Hand, Foot &amp; Mouth:</b> skin vesicles	Swab Sigma Virocult (275019)	Plastic Hard snappable	Green cap tube Viral transport medium
Red		<b><u>Viral - Nasopharyngeal</u></b> <b>Respiratory viruses</b> <b>Pertussis</b> <b>Measles</b>	COPAN UTM-RT (291543 )	Fine Flexi snappable	Red cap tube Universal transport medium
Orange		<b><u>Gono / Chlamydia / Trichomonas</u></b> Cervix and vagina Conjunctiva	Kit specimen multicollection (254672)	Plastic snappable	Orange cap tube PCR buffer
<b>Special Purpose</b>					
Orange		<b><u>Bacterial - Ears</u></b> Ear, wound, ulcer, skin	Swab ENT / Urethral swab (275018)	Single bendable wire	Amies gel