



SWAB GUIDE

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LABELLING: Always label swabs legibly using patients' full name, date of birth, collection site, date and time of collection and collector's initials

If both M&C and PCR are requested, a separate swab is required for PCR testing

Use	Swab	
Bacterial culture (aerobes and anaerobes) M & C		Blue top, plastic stem with transport medium
Viral PCR Chlamydia PCR <i>N.gonorrhoeae</i> PCR		White top, plastic stem with dry swab

Collect two white top swabs if viral PCR and Chlamydia PCR are requested

Other:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> male urethral some sinus and ENT collections <p>A first pass urine can be used to test for Chlamydia and gonorrhoea</p>		Orange top, wire stem and fine tipped swab with transport medium
PCR typing for HPV		Thin Prep sample

FOR FURTHER TEST INFORMATION: please consult the online *Pathology Test Manual* at <http://path.svhm.org.au/> or contact St Vincent's Pathology call centre on 03 9231 2888

GENERAL FEEDBACK: pathologyfeedback@svha.org.au

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