DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY SPECIMEN GUIDE

**Swab Type**

**DO Use For**

**DON’T Use For**

**TOP**

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**Pink Top Copan Eswab**

M,C & S investigations:

Wounds

Nose

Eye

Throat

Rectal

Vaginal

Viral PCR

Chlamydia NAAT

Gonorrhoea NAAT

Trichomonas NAAT

**TOP**

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**Orange Top Copan Eswab**

M,C & S investigations:

Ear

Urogenital tract

(GC culture only)

Chlamydia NAAT

Gonorrhoea NAAT

Trichomonas NAAT

Viral PCR

**TOP**

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**Red Top UTM Viral Swab**

Viral PCR only

(For LTHT users Copan eSwabs should be used)

Chlamydia NAAT

Gonorrhoea NAAT

Trichomonas NAAT

M,C & S investigations

**LABEL**

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**Orange Aptima Collection Device**

**Self-take Vaginal Swab**

Chlamydia NAAT

Gonorrhoea NAAT

Trichomonas NAAT

M,C & S Investigations

Viral PCR

**LABEL**

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**White Aptima Collection Device**

**Cervical/Urethral Swab**

Chlamydia NAAT

Gonorrhoea NAAT

Trichomonas NAAT

M,C & S Investigations

Viral PCR

**LABEL**

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**Yellow Aptima Collection Device Urine**

Chlamydia NAAT

Gonorrhoea NAAT

Trichomonas NAAT

M,C & S Investigations

Viral PCR

**Specimen Container**

**DO Use For**

**DON’T Use For**

**30ml Red Top Boric Acid Urine Container\***

Urine cultures and microscopy ?UTI

Urine parasites

\*check compatibility for dipstick testing with manufacturers guide

Chlamydia NAAT

Gonorrhoea NAAT

Trichomonas NAAT

Pregnancy testing

Microalbumin

Protein:Creatinine Ratio

**5ml Red Top Boric Acid Urine Container\***

Paediatric urine cultures and microscopy ?UTI

Small samples <30ml void urine

Chlamydia NAAT

Gonorrhoea NAAT

Trichomonas NAAT

Pregnancy testing

Microalbumin

Protein:Creatinine Ratio

**30ml White Top Plain Universal Container**

M,C & S investigations:

Tissue

Fluids

Pus

Biopsies

Urine Pregnancy testing

Virology PCR tests

Chlamydia NAAT (if Aptima urine collection device not available)

M,C & S investigations:

Urine

Sputum

**30ml BrownTop Faeces Container with Spoon**

Faecal M, C & S

? C difficile

Faecal parasites

Calprotectin

Gastro-intestinal PCR investigations e.g. Norovirus

Other microbiology M,C & S investigations

**60ml Plain Sputum Pot**

M,C & S investigations:

Sputum

AAFB / TB Culture (3x samples labelled 1,2,3)

Other microbiology M,C & S investigations