

# Waikato Hospital Swab Guide 2010

Colour	Description	Swab name	Shaft	Tip	Transport Medium	History	Tests					Sterile sites	Sites											
							Bacterial	Virus PCR	Virus culture and	Pertussis PCR	Chlamydia		Wounds, ulcers, skin	Low Nose	Naso-pharyngeal	Throat	Skin for Herpes	Conjunctival	Cervix and vaginal	Male urethral				
Blue	General purpose bacterial swab	Fort Richard Transwab Copan H245	Rigid plastic Blue top		Amies	Standard bacterial swab	Y					Y												
Green screw top tube.	Preferred system for respiratory virus testing at Waikato Hospital in 2010.	Sigma-Virocult MW950S	Soft white plastic snappable	Foam	Medical Wire MW950S liquid medium 2 mL. screw top tube.	New swab in use at Waikato 2010. Chosen to avoid supply contention with other labs. Validated for use at our site.		Y	Y	Y		Aspirates or tissue samples preferred		Y		Y	Y	Y						
Orange	Good respiratory virus swab. Supplied by Pathlab.	MicroRheologics Copan	Fine plastic. Red/orange top	Flocked 553C	Dry in soft plastic tube	Currently in use in community.		Y		Y					Y	Y								
Blue	Preferred for Pertussis and for nasopharyngeal viral detection.	Medical Wire MW160 (dry blue)	Twisted flexible wire with blue top	Rayon	Dry or any viral transport medium.	Supplied by Waikato Hospital lab in "Pertussis kit" brown paper bag with instructions. Can't be processed for PCR or virus if received in charcoal or other bacterial medium.		Y		Y						Y			Y					
Red screw top tube.	ESR Influenza Surveillance program	MicroRheologics Copan H269M	Hard white plastic snappable	Flocked 366C	UTM-RT liquid medium 1mL screw top tube	Supplied by ESR for surveillanceNZ distributor: Fort Richard		Y	Y	Y				Y		Y	Y							

