




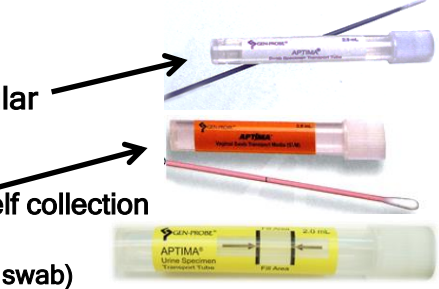


Quick Reference for Non-Respiratory PCR Swab Collection

WHICH SWAB* FOR PCR (not including respiratory ID)?¹

(THIS QUICK REFERENCE IS NOT INTENDED TO AID WITH BACTERIAL CULTURE, VIRAL CULTURE, OR RESPIRATORY SWAB COLLECTION.)

	USE FOR: (test order codes)	# OF SWABS	DO NOT USE FOR:
Flocked swab in UTM 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GCLPCR² HSVPCR³ VARPCR³ 	1	MRSPCR
Swab in M4 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GCLPCR² HSVPCR³ VARPCR³ 	choose best swab	MRSPCR
Red 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> HSVPCR³ MRSPCR VARPCR³ 	collect 1 or 2 swabs	
Green soft aluminum shaft  liquid Stuart sponge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> HSVPCR³ MRSPCR VARPCR³ 	1	
AFFIRM 	only AFFIRM	1	any test other than AFFIRM
APTIMA regular vaginal self collection urine (no swab)  Preferred collection devices for GC/CL by PCR, but "Flocked swab in UTM", "Swab in M4," urine in grey top tube or Power Cup, and ThinPrep and SurePath specimens are acceptable.	only GCLPCR ²	1	any test other than GCLPCR

***This is only meant to help choose the right swab for PCR tests done on swabs.**

This does not address OTHER SAMPLE TYPES WHICH ARE ACCEPTABLE for some of these tests.

Also, this only lists PCR tests performed on swabs; there are lots of PCR tests on other sample types.

Finally, this does not list tests for respiratory infectious diseases.

AFFIRM	Vaginosis panel: Candida, Gardnerella, Trichomonas
GCLPCR	Gonorrhea and Chlamydia
HSVPCR	Herpes Simplex Virus 1 and 2
MRSPCR	<i>Staph aureus</i> and MRSA
VARPCR	Varicella Zoster virus (chicken pox, shingles)

These are also OK for GC/CL by PCR



¹These are *general guidelines*. For test-specific information, or questions about bacterial culture, viral culture, respiratory swab collection, other acceptable sample types for the tests listed, or other PCR tests, refer to the [online test menu](#), or call our (24/7) Client Services hotline: 801-507-2110 or 877-353-1106.

²ThinPrep, SurePath or urine in a sterile tube or container, are acceptable for [GC/CL by PCR](#).

³Other sample types are acceptable (for example, CSF or tissue); refer to the [online test menu](#), or call Client Services for assistance.