

NVRL Swab Guide

NB: Two Patient Identifiers are required on all samples submitted to the NVRL for testing. These must match details on the accompanying request form.

The source of the sample (either GP surgery or Hospital laboratory) must be included on the request form.

Samples received without a request form and correct details, as outlined above, cannot be tested.

Aptima® (Hologic®) Collection Devices:

Suitable for: Chlamydia trachomatis, Neisseria gonorrhea, Trichomonas vaginalis and Mycoplasma genitalium;

ORANGE: Multitest (multisite); **PURPLE (Unisex):** Endocervical/Urethral swabbing; **YELLOW:** Urine – ensure level is between the 2 black lines.



Unisex swab kits include a CLEANING swab (white with red writing: for use in female patients only) for use on areas that require cleaning prior to sample collection. The white cleaning swab is to be used for cleaning only, and then discarded.

Only samples collected with the blue specimen swab are suitable for testing.

Guides for the correct use of these Aptima® collection devices can be found on the NVRL website <https://nvrl.ucd.ie/swabs>

Oracol Swab Collection Devices:

Suitable for: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Enterovirus, CMV, HHV6 testing



Lysis Swabs:

Suitable for: SARS-CoV-2 investigation ONLY



Viral Swabs (Multiple Manufacturers, as shown):

Suitable for: Influenza/Respiratory investigations including SARS-CoV-2, Herpes, Varicella, CMV, Enterovirus, Adenovirus

Copan

Biocomma

Sigma



Mantacc



NobleBio



Please ensure that the swab is included in the container when forwarding to the NVRL. If there is no swab, the sample will be rejected.

Unsuitable Swabs – These swab types are not validated for clinical investigations carried out at the NVRL and will be rejected for testing.

Amies Swabs



Charcoal Swabs



Dry Swabs



Gel Swabs

