

Hospital Microbiology

Swab Guide



Blue Transtube (Amies Media)

Culture & Sensitivity / MC&S

✓ Suitable for **ALL** cultures including
N. gonorrhoeae and anaerobes



Orange Transtube (Amies media)

Urethral Culture (Male) / ENT Culture



Copan UTM Flocked – PCR Swab

VIRAL PCR / Bacterial PCR
Respiratory Viruses PCR / Pertussis PCR/
HSV PCR / VZV PCR / Adenovirus PCR /
Syphilis PCR

✗ Not suitable for culture



COBAS CT/NG PCR

Chlamydia and/or Gonococccal PCR

✗ Not suitable for culture



Blue Plain Swab - INPATIENT use only

Superficial Site Culture / Wound Culture /
Infection Control / Aerobes only

✗ Not suitable for *N gonorrhoeae* culture

Ensure request forms and swabs are labelled with patient name, D.O.B and collection site.

For further enquires contact Microbiology on (02) 8382 9196