






Quick Reference Guide for Swabs

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	Collection Device	Tests and comments
ESwab		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine/Aerobic Culture • Anaerobic Culture • Fungal Culture • Acid Fast Bacillus Culture • Prenatal Strep Screen • Surveillance Cultures • Throat Culture
Swab with Viral Transport Media: VTM, UTM, M4, M4-RT, M5 or M6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herpes Simplex Virus • Varicella Zoster Virus • Gonorrhea and/or Chlamydia • <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> • Respiratory PCR testing (refer to test directory) <p>Not all VTM types are acceptable for all tests.</p>
Red top swab		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methicillin Resistant <i>S. aureus</i> Screen • Group A Strep, Culture Only • Group A Strep, Rapid Screen with reflex to backup Culture • Group B Strep by PCR (not for routine use)
cobas PCR Media Uni Swab		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gonorrhea and/or Chlamydia Acceptable sources: vaginal, cervical, oropharyngeal (throat), and anorectal • <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> Acceptable sources: vaginal and cervical <p>For patients 18 and older</p>
cobas PCR Media Urine Kit		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gonorrhea and/or Chlamydia for urine samples • <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> • <i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> <p>For patients 18 and older</p>

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cobas PCR Media Dual Swab		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> for male urethra • <u>Endocervical</u> specimens, only, for <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> or Gonorrhea and/or Chlamydia <p>The woven swab is for cleaning; do not submit woven swab for testing</p> <p>For patients 18 and older</p>
BD Molecular Swab Collection Kit		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaginal Pathogens by PCR
Aptima MultiTest Collection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gonorrhea and/or Chlamydia testing • <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> • Gonorrhea and Chlamydia for conjunctiva (eye) swabs <p>The large white swab is for cleaning; do not submit large white swab for testing</p> <p>For patients under 18 years old</p>
Aptima Urine Collection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gonorrhea and Chlamydia urine testing • <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i> urine testing <p>For patients under 18 years old</p>
ThinPrep		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Papillomavirus • HPV 16/18 Genotyping • Gonorrhea and/or Chlamydia • <i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>
Affirm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available at Cassia, only: Vaginosis panel - Candida, Gardnerella, Trichomonas