

Change to swabs

General Swabs

This pink top container is used now for all bacterial culture swabs,
Such as swabbing a wound. Swabs are useful for sampling dry sites, or very small volumes of pus less than 1ml.

Blue topped swabs are no longer used



MRSA Swabs

This white top container is used for MRSA screen.

1. Pink swab for Nasal sample then place into tube, DO NOT BREAK OFF
2. White swab for Groin sample then place into tube, break off at marked point.
3. Remove and discard pink swab.

Blue topped swabs are no longer used



CRO / CPE Swabs

This pink top container is used now for CPE / CRO Screening.

Double headed red top swabs are no longer used



Viral Swabs

Swabs should be taken using the Red or Green Viral transport media (VTM) for infections such as:

COVID-19 / Flu / RSV / Monkey pox



Please Contact the Infection Prevention & Control Team
If you are unsure
Ext.5900