

New swabs/urine kits for *Chlamydia/N.gonorrhoeae* testing

We are changing from the yellow topped Cobas swabs/urine collection devices to Aptima swabs/urine devices.

When you request kits for Chlamydia testing from the 27th October you will be provided with the new swabs/kits.

There are two kits:



Aptima Urine Collection Kit

Male Urines – First void

Transfer urine into a Urine Transport Tube

It is VERY IMPORTANT that the fluid is within the fill lines.



Aptima Unisex Swab Collection Kit

Females – Cervical swab or self-collect vaginal swab

Males – urethral swab

The blue swab is the only swab to be placed in collection tube.

The **white shaft** swab is a cleaning swab which is used to remove excess mucus from the cervix; it must not be placed in the collection tube.

Notes:

- The blue shaft swabs are scored for breaking into the collection tube. **Do not place more than one swab into the collection tube.** Do not pierce the foil lid. The white shafted cleaning swab must not be put into the collection tube.
- Urines: Collect the first void urine (10-30mL) into a specimen pot or punnet; use the pipette provided to transfer 2mL of urine to fill between the two black lines on the tube. If the urine level is not between the two black lines the **test will be rejected as invalid.**
- If liquid is spilled from the tube use a new tube or the **test will be invalid.**
- The samples are stable at 2°C to 30°C

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