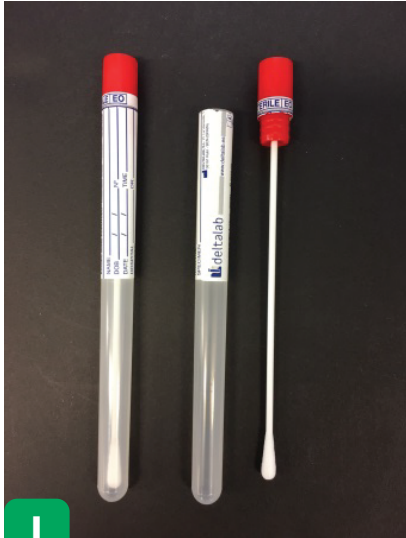




## TYPES OF SWABS IN SGH



1

**DACRON SWAB  
WITHOUT MEDIA**



**Molecular** microbiology tests, to be sent **dry**.  
E.g. respiratory viruses multiplex PCR.



**Viral antigen** tests, to be sent in **sterile saline**.  
E.g. Respiratory virus antigen IF test.



**Viral isolation**, to be sent in **viral transport medium (VTM)**. E.g. Herpes simplex virus isolation.



2

**SINGLE ESWAB  
WITH AMIES MEDIA**



**Aerobic and anaerobic bacterial cultures**  
E.g. abscess, MRSA wound screening culture, VRE screening culture.



**Mycology cultures**  
E.g. abscess, environmental sampling.



**CP-CRE Screening PCR**



Note: **DO NOT** swab **chronic superficial wounds or sinus drainage as such** cultures are not useful clinically - obtain a deep sample or biopsy for culture whenever possible.



3

**DOUBLE ESWAB  
WITH AMIES MEDIA**



**MRSA Screening PCR** of nose, axilla and groin **only**.



Refer to instructions for MRSA Screening PCR Sample Collection.

**For internal circulation only**

Refer to Pathology Laboratory Services for more information:

<https://www.sgh.com.sg/clinical-departments-centers/pathology/pathology-handbook/pages/introduction.aspx>