

Microbiology Sample Containers

A General Practice Field Guide for sending samples to the UKHSA Public Health Laboratory, Birmingham



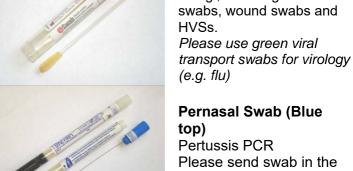
20ml Sterile Universal Fluids and aspirates Sputum Mycology samples Urines for legionella antigens



10ml Urine Tubes Urines for culture (MC&S) Use boric red top if possible Fill to line



20ml Blue Top with Spoon All faeces samples 5ml minimum



Liquid eSwab (Pink Top) Culture (MC&S) for bacteria / fungi, including throat swabs, wound swabs and Please use green viral



Viral Transport Swabs (Green Top)

All virology swabs including swabs for respiratory viruses (e.g. flu), vesicle and genital swabs Not suitable for bacterial / fungal culture (MC&S)



Pernasal Swab (Blue

Pertussis PCR Please send swab in the dry tube. Do not use the charcoal gel tube



APTIMA Swab

Chlamydia and gonorrhoea molecular test



APTIMA Urine Tube

Chlamydia and gonorrhoea molecular test Please fill to between lines



Red Top Blood Tube for Serum

All serology tests



Purple Top EDTA Blood Tube

All molecular (DNA and RNA) microbiology and virology blood tests

Sending checklist:

Sample

- □ Right sample type
- ☐ Right pot sufficiently filled
- Sufficient volume
- ☐ Lid on tight (nothing leaking)
- Patient Identification:

TWO forms of identification details on the sample should match TWO forms of identification details on the form

Form – The following must be completed:

- Patient identifier (ensure it matches the sample pot)
- Sample type
- Sample site
- Test required
- ☐ Clinical details MUST be stated
- Travel History & contact with insect/livestock
- ☐ Location and person the report goes to

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