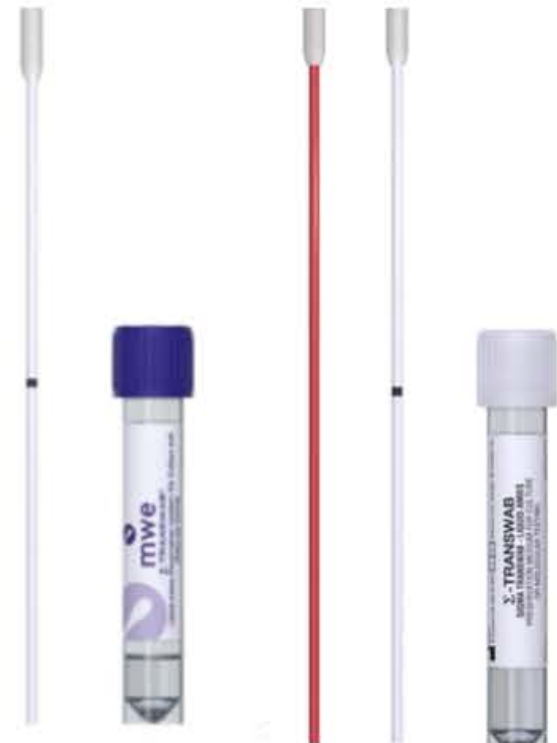


## From 15 December 2025, the swabs and urine tubes you use to collect samples are changing.

- ✓ Please use new liquid swabs for all bacteriology culture testing (purple-topped for a single-swab process, double swabs for MRSA testing)

**Exceptions:** sexual health and C.auris testing (continue to use existing swabs and process)



- ✓ Continue using existing green or red transport mediums for virology tests



- ✓ Use green-topped boric acid tubes for all microbiology urine samples
- ✓ Use a sterile vessel for collecting urine, before transferring to the boric acid tube using the inbuilt syringe
- ✓ Continue to use white-topped plain universal containers for other urine tests, e.g. biochemistry Albumin Creatinine Ratio (ACR)

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