



# High Vaginal Swab

## Synonyms

HVS

## Clinical Indication

High vaginal swabs are NOT suitable for the isolation of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) or the detection of *Chlamydia trachomatis*.

If gonorrhoea is suspected, send cervical and urethral swabs or, refer the patient to the Department of Genito-Urinary Medicine.

Please give detailed clinical information, including the date of onset/contact with the suspected infection and any current or intended antibiotic therapy.

## Part of Profile / See Also

Microscopy for pregnant women and bacterial vaginosis – only if required or clinically indicated.

Culture for yeasts, *Trichomonas vaginalis* and culture for bacterial pathogens.

## Request Form

Pathology manual request for or ICE request

## Availability / Frequency of Analysis

On request during normal working hours

## Turnaround Time

24 to 48 hours to identify and perform antibiotic sensitivity on significant organisms and a further 48 hours for GC sensitivities.

## Patient Preparation

## Sample Requirements

### Specimen Type

Bacterial swab in transport medium

### Volume

### Container

**Samples should be transported to laboratory on day of collection**

## Reference Range & Units

## Interferences

## Interpretation & Clinical

## Decision Value (if applicable)

## References

## Test code

GTL

## Lab Handling

Samples should be processed as soon as possible.