








GeneXpert Specimen Collection Guide



Using the wrong specimen type, collection container or unlabelled patient specimens may lead to failed tests or inaccurate results.

If you are unsure about which container to use or require stock, please call the Help Desk 08 8201 7555 (option 4).

	Collection container	Storage before opening	What specimen can go into it?	Validated Tests	Sample stability (once in container)
Sexually Transmitted Infections	Urine Collection Pot 	2-30°C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xpert® CT/NG (chlamydia/gonorrhea) Xpert® TV (trichomonas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 hours at 15-30°C 4 days in the fridge (2-8°C)
	Xpert® Urine Specimen Collection Kit 	2-30°C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xpert® CT/NG (chlamydia/gonorrhea) Xpert® TV (trichomonas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 days for male sample at 15-30°C 3 days for female sample at 15-30°C 28 days in fridge (2-8°C)
	Xpert® Swab Specimen Collection Kit 	2-30°C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endocervical swab OR Vaginal swab (self-collected) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xpert® CT/NG (chlamydia/gonorrhea) Xpert® TV (trichomonas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 days. between 2-30°C
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pharyngeal swab OR Rectal swab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xpert® CT/NG (chlamydia/gonorrhea) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 days. between 2-30°C
Respiratory Infection	Copan eNAT® 	2-25°C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nasopharyngeal swab (1 nostril) OR Nasal swab (2 nostrils) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xpert® Xpress CoV-2-Flu/RSV plus (COVID-19, Flu A, Flu B, RSV) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 days, between 2-25°C
Strep A	Copan eSwab® Collection System 480CE 	2-25°C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swab of inflamed tissues (e.g. pharynx and tonsils), avoiding teeth, cheeks and tongue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Xpert® Xpress Strep A (Group A Strep) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48 hours 15-25°C 6 days in the fridge (2-8°C)