

**Microbiology Swab (black swab)**

1. Remove the plastic tube with the white top from the packaging
2. At the bottom of the white lid, you will see a breakpoint
3. Hold the tube and pull off the white lid
4. Place the tube to one side
5. Remove the swab from the clear packaging and hold the black lid
6. Be careful to ensure the swab remains clean and sterile
7. Take the sample using the end of the swab that holds the cotton wool
8. Once the sample has been taken, put the swab into the tube and ensure there is a good seal
9. Place the sample into the request form bag
10. Do not seal the bag
11. Please return to the surgery