

Wet and dry swab technique

Sample collection:

- Place 5 cm template on the area to be swabbed.
- Moisten one sterile swab with sterile 10mL diluent with beads. Press out the excess solution by rolling the swab against the inside of the universal tube.
- Swab the area within the template thoroughly. Rotate the swab whilst swabbing and swab the whole area in three different directions.
- Repeat with a dry swab.
- Place both swabs into the 10 mL diluent, breaking off the handle of the sticks above the rim of the tube. This can be done by placing the lid over the tube and snapping down the stick to break off ends.
- Label diluent universal tube with number.
- Place diluent/swab in chilly bin with chilly pack as soon as finished.
- Fill in the accompanying swab sheet with correct number and site where the swab was taken.

Sending to laboratory:

- All samples should be kept chilled after sampling, and prior to shipping to the laboratory.
- Samples should be returned within 24 hours of sampling.



Please refer to our current price book for sample types, test turn-around times and pricing. If you have any questions or would like any further information, please contact your local Awanui Scientific laboratory or Territory Manager.