

PREPARING TO PERFORM THE EAR SWAB

INDICATIONS

The examination is performed in the **Seriato offices** from Monday to Friday during the opening hours of the sampling room and on Saturdays by appointment; **Alzano Lombardo, Piario, Lovere** from Monday to Friday during the opening hours of the sampling room.

On the day of the sampling, the patient must not have cleaned the ear canal in any way.

Suspend the instillation of otological drops in the 24 hours prior to the sampling. Suspend any antibiotic therapy 4 days before the examination.

COLLECTION MATERIAL

· AMIES pad with transport medium (ORANGE CAP) with thin end, alternatively you can use the AMIES pad (PINK CAP)

WITHDRAWAL METHODS

The patient's head is tilted to the opposite side of the ear involved in the analysis and the ear lobe is stretched with the hand in order to make the curvature of the ear canal more accessible. The swab consists of a swab with sterile cotton at one end (like a long cotton swab used for cleaning the ears) which is placed (if there is a lot of secretions), or lightly rubbed or rotated inside the ear canal near the eardrum. The examination may be required for both ears, it is advisable to pay attention to the ear marking where each swab is performed in the right and left.