

Press Release

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Choosing the right swab for Whooping Cough sampling



Whooping Cough (pertussis) is an infection of the respiratory system caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis* and is characterized by relentless coughing spells. It increases in prevalence every three to four years with the last peak in 2008. In 2011, cases increased to 819 from 357 the year before, whereas this year from January to October, over 7,700 cases were diagnosed, with over 1600 cases confirmed just in October 2012*.

With this increase in mind Technical Service Consultants (TSC) would like to highlight that they offer a specialist range of flexible, thin twisted wire mini tip swabs that are ideally suited for intricate or delicate sampling from awkward to reach areas without too much discomfort compared with standard swabs.

Made from flexible twisted aluminium wire with a reduced cotton tip bud these highly flexible swabs are available as singles in a tamper evident peel pouch or with a tamper sealed cap fitted, in a tube, subsequently end users can be confident that the specimens are collected safely with the minimum distress to the patient using a high quality medical device.

TSC also offer M40 Transport devices, with supreme twisted wire mini tip swabs included. Both Amies Clear and Amies Charcoal transport medium are available so end users have the ability to transport samples safely to the laboratory.

For further details on supreme twisted wire mini tip swabs and a free sample please call +44(0)1706 620600 or visit our website www.tscswabs.co.uk



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