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Pre and Peri– Pubertal Female Genitalia

(also consider for pubertal but < 13 years as usually ineligible for STI clinic)

If no other findings other than anogenital warts, the 6 swabs as below. Note option of first void urine (so first 20 mls, not mid-stream). "First" does not mean first of the day!

Consider the immediate stage of blood serology as no allegation for this pathway. Further serology can be decided as part of aftercare of investigation.

If discharge present, include TV in NAAT request.

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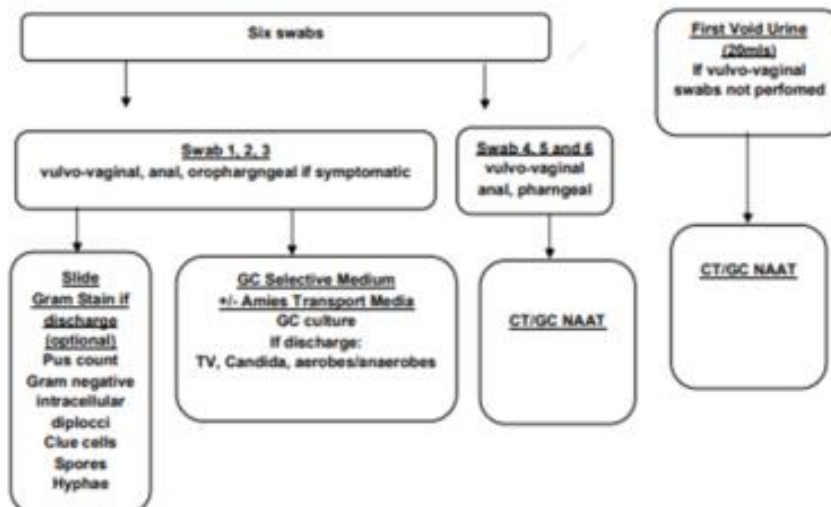
Criteria for screening

- Allegation of contact sexual abuse
- Physical signs of contact sexual abuse
- Consensual sexual activity (note - if either partner < 13 years, "consensual" cannot be used as a term)
- Genitourinary symptoms e.g. vaginal discharge

Screening schedule

- Immediate: Serology (4th generation Abi/Ag HIV serology, STS, Hep B and C) and samples as below
- 2 weeks*: Samples as below
- 45 days: 4th generation Abi/Ag HIV serology
- 3 months: Serology (HIV serology if PEP given, STS, Hep B and C)

* if initial sample within two weeks of last assault



Other tests if indicated:

Open sore: One swab HSV+/- TP NAAT. Dark ground microscopy for TP. Swab for bacterial culture.

TV NAAT if available: vulvo-vaginal swab
Pregnancy test

Pubertal Female Genitalia

If no other findings other than anogenital warts, the 3 swabs as below. STI clinics will have their regular protocol. Try to divert pubertal females to STI clinic

Consider the immediate stage of blood serology as no allegation for this pathway. Further serology can be decided as part of aftercare of investigation.

If discharge present, include TV in NAAT request. If pelvic pain, consider bimanual examination (liaise with sexual health or gynaecology)

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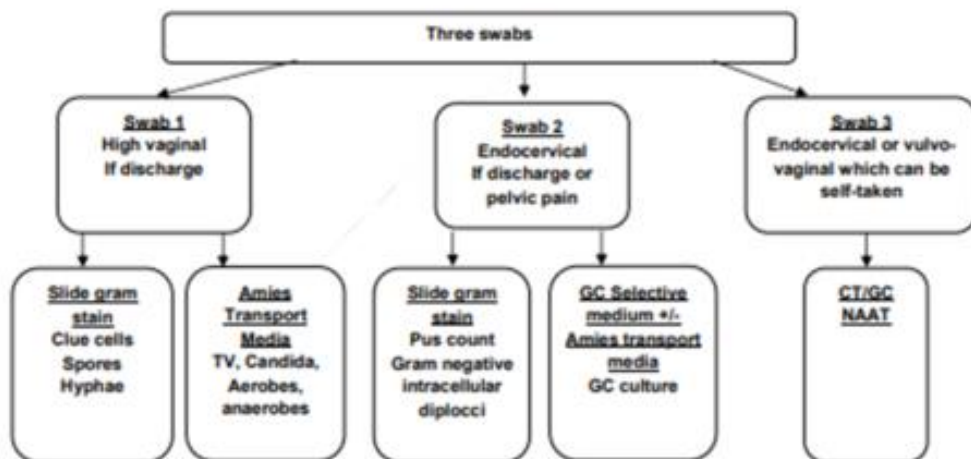
Criteria for screening

- Allegation of contact sexual abuse
- Physical signs of contact sexual abuse
- Consensual sexual activity (If < 13 yrs, not consensual regardless of pubertal stage)
- Genitourinary symptoms e.g. vaginal discharge

Screening schedule

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* if initial sample within two weeks of last assault



Other tests if indicated:

- Oral penetration:** Two oropharyngeal swabs, one selective medium +/- Amies transport media for GC culture & one CT/GC NAAT.
- Anal penetration:** Two anal swabs, one selective medium +/- Amies transport media for GC & one CT/GC NAAT.
- Open sore:** One swab HSV +/- TP NAAT. Dark ground microscopy for TP. Swab for bacterial culture.
- Decline Endocervical or vulvo-vaginal swab:** Urine CT/GC NAAT
- Pregnancy test(s)**
- TV NAAT if available (vulvo-vaginal swab)

Pre and Pubertal Male Genitalia

If no other findings other than anogenital warts, the 3 swabs as below. STI clinics will have their regular protocol. Try to divert pubertal females to STI clinic

Consider the immediate stage of blood serology as no allegation for this pathway. Further serology can be decided as part of aftercare of investigation.

If discharge present, include TV in NAAT request.

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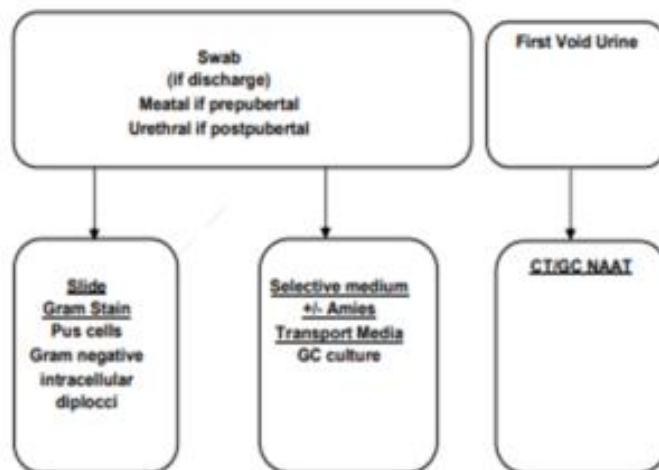
Criteria for screening

- Allegation of contact sexual abuse
- Physical signs of contact sexual abuse
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- Genitourinary symptoms e.g. vaginal discharge

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Other tests as indicated:

- Oral penetration:** Two oropharyngeal swabs, one selective medium +/- Amies transport media for GC & one NAAT for CT +/- GC.
- Anal penetration:** Two anal swabs, one selective medium +/- Amies transport media for GC & CT + GC NAAT.
- Open sore:** One swab HSV +/- TP NAAT. Dark ground microscopy for TP. Swab for bacterial culture.