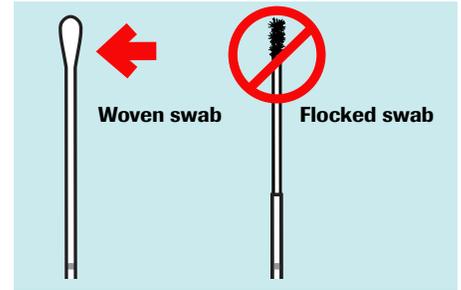


Anorectal (Rectal) Swab Specimen Collection Guide

Clinician-collection with the cobas® PCR Media Uni or Dual Swab Sample Kit

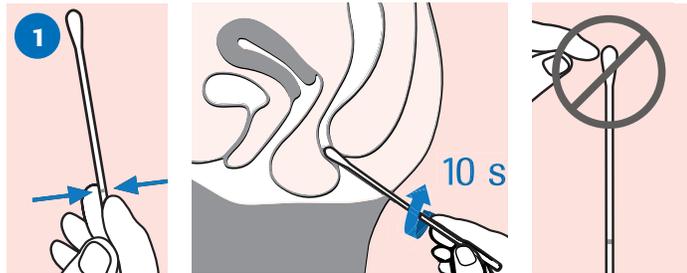
PROCEDURAL NOTES:

- If using the **cobas®** PCR Media Dual Swab Sample Kit, discard the flocked swab, as it is not needed for this procedure. **Use only the woven swab.**
- Minimize use of over-the-counter hygiene and/or prescription products in the rectum during or prior to sample collection to avoid potential for test interference.
- If the swab is grossly contaminated with feces, discard and repeat the collection.
- Avoid contact of the **cobas®** PCR Media with the skin, eyes or mucous membranes. If contact does occur, immediately wash with large amounts of water.

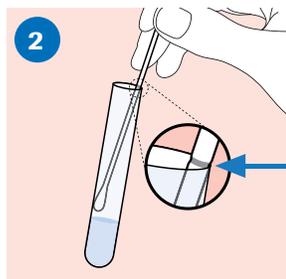


NOTE: Do not pre-wet the swab in **cobas®** PCR Media before collection.

COLLECT:

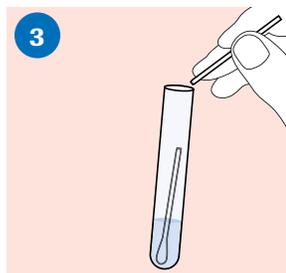


- To collect the specimen, hold the woven swab with the scoreline above your hand.
- Insert the swab about 3 to 5 cm (1-2 inches) into the anal canal. Gently turn the swab in a clockwise direction for about 5 - 10 seconds while rubbing the swab against the walls of the rectum.
- Withdraw the swab carefully.
- If the swab is grossly contaminated with feces, discard and repeat the collection.
- Do not let the swab touch any surface before placing it into the collection tube.



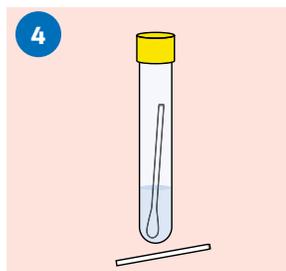
ALIGN:

- Remove the cap from the **cobas®** PCR Media Tube.
- Lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible scoreline on the swab is aligned with the tube rim.
- The tip of the swab should not be submerged into the liquid prior to breaking the shaft.



BREAK:

- Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the scoreline.



CLOSE:

- Tightly re-cap the **cobas®** PCR Media Tube. The specimen is now ready for transport.
- Discard the top portion of the swab.

SPECIMEN TRANSPORT AND STORAGE:

- Transport and store the **cobas®** PCR Media Tube containing the collection swab at 2°C to 30°C.
- The specimen should only contain 1 woven swab and may be rejected if the tube contains no swab or 2 swabs.