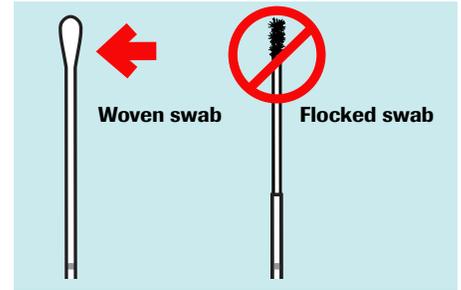


# Oropharyngeal (Throat) Swab Specimen Collection Guide

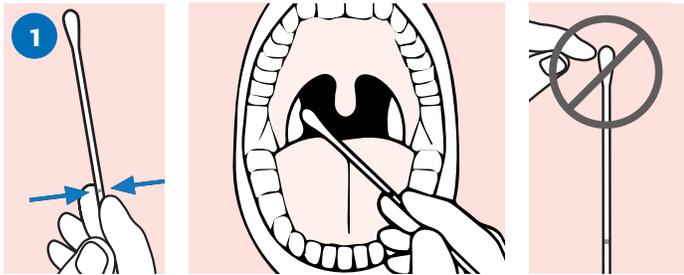
## Clinician-collection with the cobas® PCR Media Uni or Dual Swab Sample Kit

### 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 throat during or prior to sample collection to avoid potential for test interference.
- 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.

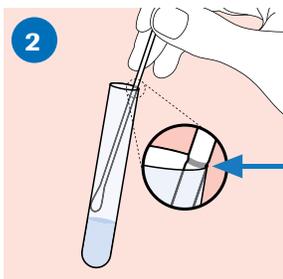


**NOTE: Do not** pre-wet the swab in **cobas®** PCR Media before collection.



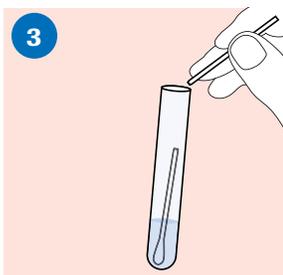
### COLLECT:

- To collect the specimen, hold the woven swab with the scoreline above your hand.
- Insert the swab into the mouth and collect the specimen from the bilateral posterior pharynx, both tonsils and the uvula.
- Withdraw the swab carefully.
- Do not let the swab touch any surface before placing it into the collection tube.



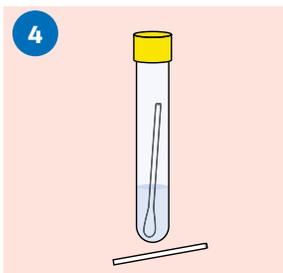
### ALIGN:

- 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.