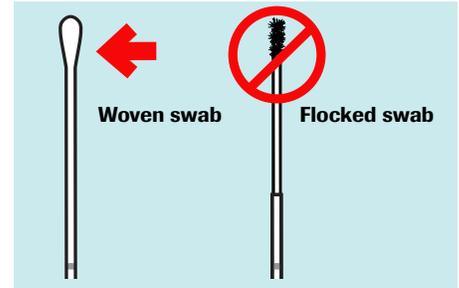


Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Guide

Self-collection in a clinical setting with the cobas® PCR Media Dual Swab Sample Kit

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS:

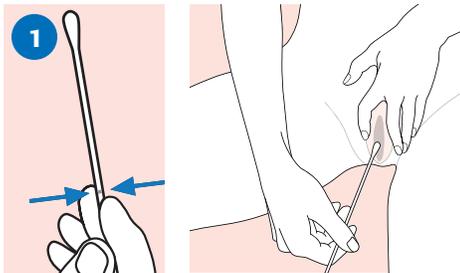
- Handle the collection tube carefully, as tube media can cause irritation if contacted with skin or other body parts.
- If the tube contents are spilled on your skin, wash the affected area with soap and water. If contents splash into your eyes, flush them with water immediately.
- Do not attempt to clean up any spilled contents of the tube.
- If any of these events occur, always notify your healthcare provider.



PREPARING FOR SAMPLE COLLECTION:

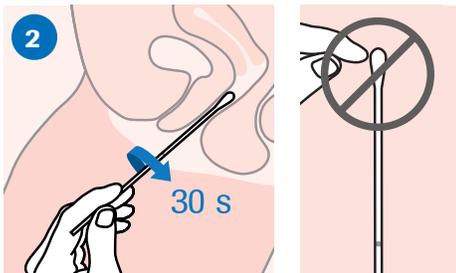
- Wash hands prior to collection. Undress to expose the vaginal area. Put yourself in a comfortable position.
- Remove the collection tube and the woven swab from the collection kit. Discard the flocked swab, as it is not needed for this procedure.
Use only the woven swab.

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



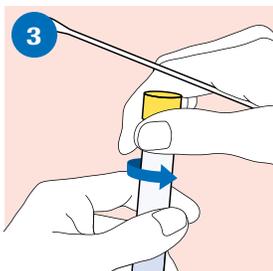
POSITION:

- In one hand, hold the woven swab with the scoreline above your hand and with the other hand separate the folds of skin around the vaginal opening (labia).



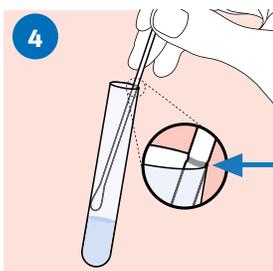
COLLECT:

- Insert the swab about 5 cm (2 inches) into the vaginal opening.
- Gently turn the swab for about 30 seconds while rubbing the swab against the wall of the vagina.
- Remove the swab carefully.
- Do not touch the swab to any surface before placing it into the collection tube.



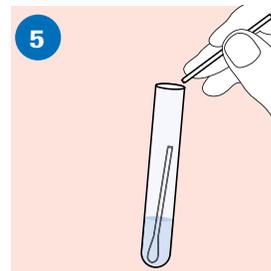
OPEN TUBE:

- While holding the swab in the same hand, remove the cap from the tube as shown in the diagram.



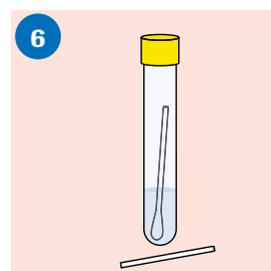
ALIGN:

- Lower the swab into the tube until the visible scoreline on the swab shaft is lined up with the tube rim.
- The bud of the swab should not be submerged into the liquid prior to breaking the shaft.



BREAK:

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



CLOSE:

- Tightly close the cobas® PCR Media Tube.
- Return the sample to your healthcare provider as instructed.
- Discard the top portion of the swab.