

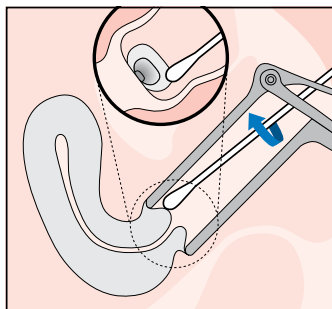
# cobas<sup>®</sup> PCR Sample Kit

For *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

## Short guide<sup>1</sup> for endocervical and urine sample collection

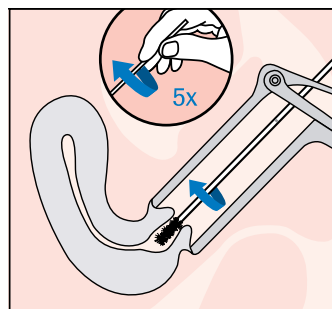
Do not pre-wet swab in cobas<sup>®</sup> PCR Media or any other liquid before collection

### ENDOCERVICAL SAMPLE



**1. CLEAN:**  
Using the woven swab provided, remove **excess mucus** from the cervical os and surrounding mucosa.

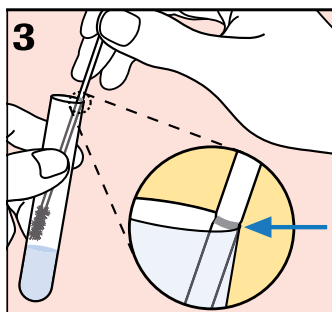
**Discard the swab** after use. If required, a large-tipped cleaning swab may be used (not provided).



**2. COLLECT:**  
**Insert** the flocked collection swab (brush) into the endocervical canal.

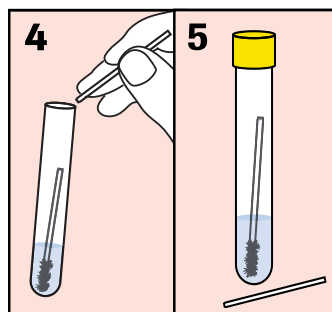
Gently **rotate the swab 5 times** in one direction.

Carefully withdraw the swab.



**3. ALIGN:**  
Remove the cap from the **cobas<sup>®</sup> PCR Media** tube.

**Lower the swab** specimen into the tube until the visible **dark line** on the swab shaft is lined up with the tube rim. The tip of the swab should be just above the liquid in the tube.

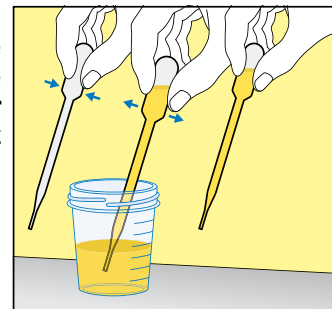


**4. BREAK & CLOSE:**  
Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to **break the swab shaft at the dark line**. Discard the top portion of the swab.

Tightly re-cap the tube.

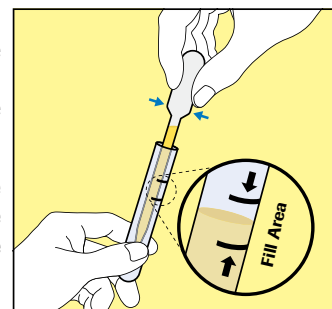
The specimen is now ready for transport.

### URINE SAMPLE



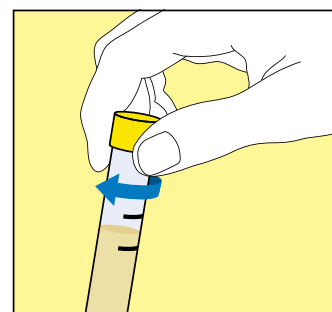
**1. COLLECT:**  
Prior to sampling, the patient should not have urinated for **at least one hour** and **female patient must not clean** the labial area.

Ask the patient to provide the **first catch urine** (10-50mL) into a urine collection cup.

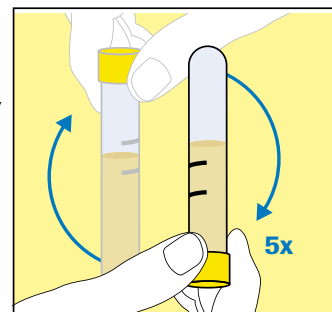


**2. PIPET:**  
Use the provided disposable pipet to **transfer** (within 24 hours) the **urine** into the **cobas<sup>®</sup> PCR Media** tube.

The **correct volume of urine** has been added when the **fluid level is between the two black lines on the tube label**.



**3. CLOSE:**  
Tightly re-cap the tube.



**4. MIX:**  
**Invert the tube 5 times.**

The specimen is now ready for transport.

**HANDLING PRECAUTIONS: Use care to avoid splashing of contents.**

**Transport :** 2°C to 30°C ▪ **Stability of sample:** 12 months

#### THE SPECIMEN WILL BE REJECTED IF THERE IS:

##### Endocervical:

- Presence of two swabs within the same tube
- No swab within the tube
- Excess of blood (>5%)

##### Urine:

- Inadequate volume (insufficient or excess)
- Excess of blood (>0.35%)
- Replens<sup>®</sup> vaginal moisturizer



<sup>1</sup> Individuals collecting or directing the collection of samples should consult the complete instructions for use.