

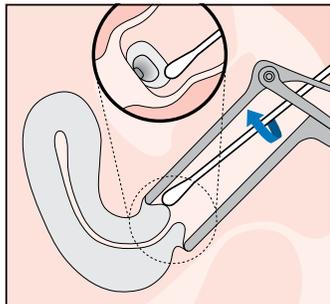
cobas[®] PCR Sample Kit

For *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

Short guide¹ for endocervical and urine sample collection

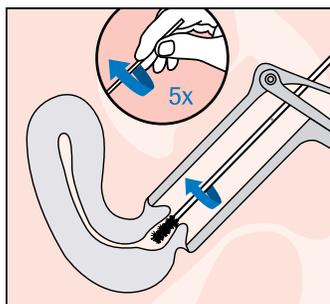
Do not pre-wet swab in cobas[®] PCR Media or any other liquid before collection

ENDOCERVICAL SAMPLE



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

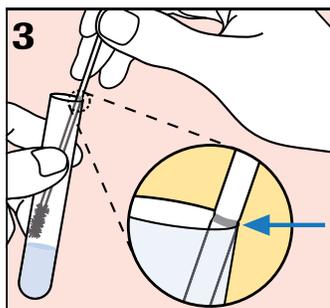
Discard the swab after use. If required, a large-tipped cleaning swab may be used (not provided).



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

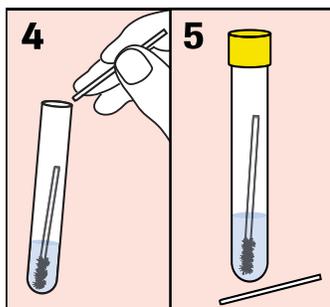
Gently **rotate the swab 5 times in one direction.**

Carefully withdraw the swab.



3. ALIGN:
Remove the cap from the **cobas[®] 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.

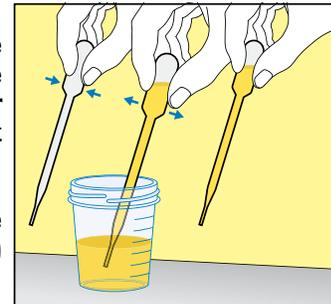


4. BREAK & CLOSE:
Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to **break the swab shaft at the dark line.** Discard the top portion of the swab.

Tightly re-cap the tube.

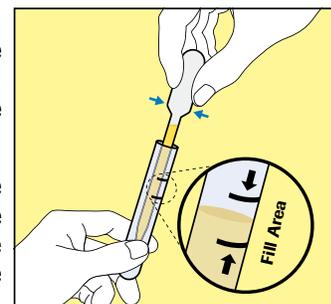
The specimen is now ready for transport.

URINE SAMPLE



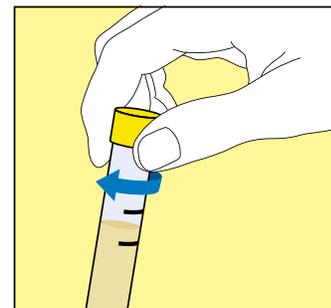
1. COLLECT:
Prior to sampling, the patient should not have urinated for **at least one hour** and **female patient must not clean** the labial area.

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

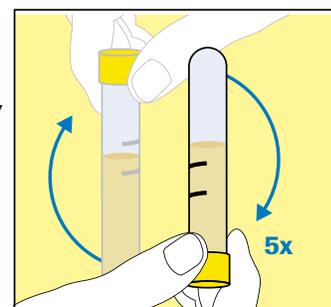


2. PIPET:
Use the provided disposable pipet to **transfer** (within 24 hours) the **urine** into the **cobas[®] PCR Media tube.**

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

THE SPECIMEN WILL BE REJECTED IF THERE IS:

Endocervical:

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

Urine:

- Inadequate volume (insufficient or excess)
 - Excess of blood (>0.35%)
- Replens[®] vaginal moisturizer



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