Instructions for endocervical specimen collection with cobas® PCR Dual Swab Sample Kit

Handling precautions:

- Do not pre-wet collection swabs with the collection media before obtaining the endocervical specimen.
- Use care to avoid splashing of contents.

Note:

CLEAN:

- Using the woven cleaning swab, remove excess mucus from the cervical os and surrounding mucosa.
- Discard woven cleaning swab after use.

Note: Cleaning excess mucus from the cervical os is required to assure an adequate sample is obtained for processing.

COLLECT:

- To collect the specimen, hold flocked swab (Swab B) with the scoreline above your hand and insert into the endocervical canal.
- Gently rotate the swab 5 times in one direction in the endocervical canal. Do not over rotate.
- Carefully withdraw the swab, avoiding any contact with the vaginal mucosa.

ALIGN:

- Remove the cap from the cobas® PCR Media tube.
- Lower the flocked swab specimen into the tube until the visible dark line on the swab shaft is aligned with the tube rim.

BREAK:

- Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the dark line.
- Discard the top portion of the swab.

CAP:

- Tightly re-cap the cobas® PCR Media tube.

The specimen is now ready for transport

The specimen should only contain flocked swab, the specimen will be rejected if the tube contains no swab or 2 swabs.

cobas® PCR Media tube: Shipping and storage

- After collection, you can ship your cobas® PCR Media vials at ambient temperature with the specimen collection swab inside.
- Endocervical swab specimens collected in cobas® PCR Media are stable at 2 to 30º C for up to 1 year.

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