

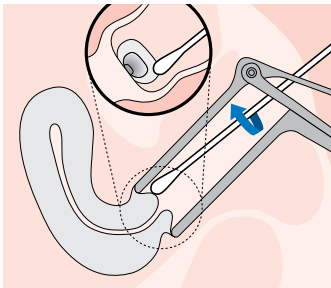
Instructions for endocervical specimen collection with cobas[®] PCR Dual Swab Sample Kit

Handling precautions:

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

cobas[®] PCR Media tube: Shipping and storage

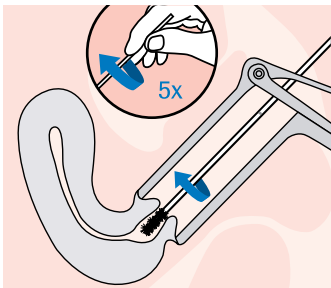
- After collection, you can ship your **cobas[®]** PCR Media vials at ambient temperature with the specimen collection swab inside.
- Endocervical swab specimens collected in **cobas[®]** PCR Media are stable at 2 to 30° C for up to 1 year.



1. CLEAN:

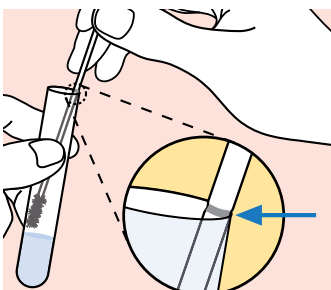
- Using the woven cleaning swab, remove excess mucus from the cervical os and surrounding mucosa.
- **Discard woven cleaning swab after use.**

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



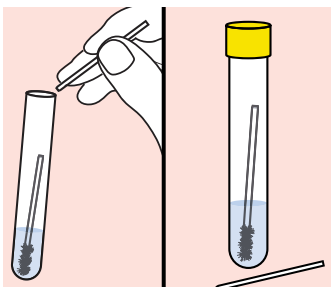
2. COLLECT:

- 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.



3. 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.



4. 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.

5. 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.**