Instructions for the Roche cobas® Ct/Ng PCR UNI SWAB Sample Kit

Instructions for the RECTAL SWAB:

The cobas® PCR Media PCR Swab Sample kit contains: cobas® PCR Media Tube and One Woven Swab

**DO NOT** pre-wet swab in cobas® PCR media before collection. The kit contains one swab. **A second kit may be needed if the first swab is grossly contaminated with feces.**

**(1) COLLECT:** To collect the specimen, hold the swab with the scoreline above your hand and insert the swab about 3 to 5 cm into the anal canal.

Gently turn the swab for about 5-10 seconds while running the swab against the walls of the rectum. **If the swab is grossly contaminated with feces, discard and repeat the collection with a new kit. Excessive fecal contamination may lead to unsatisfactory test results.**

Withdraw the swab carefully. Do not let the swab touch any surface before placing it into the collection tube.

**(2) ALIGN:** Remove the cap from the cobas® PCR Media Tube and lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible scoreline on the swab is aligned with the tube rim. The tip of the swab should not be submerged into the liquid prior to breaking the shaft.

**(3) BREAK:** Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the scoreline.

**(4) CLOSE:** Tightly re-cap the cobas® PCR Media Tube. The specimen is now ready for transport. Discard the top portion of the swab. **Label tube with patient name, date of birth, date of collection, barcode, and source.**