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

Instructions for the THROAT SWAB:

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

**DO NOT** pre-wet swab in cobas® PCR media before collection.

1. **COLLECT:** To collect the specimen, hold the swab with the scoreline above your hand.

   Insert the swab into the mouth and collect the specimen from the bilateral posterior pharynx, both tonsils and the uvula.

   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.**