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Endocervical Swab Specimen Collection Guide
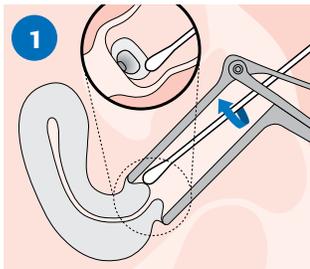## Clinician-collection with the cobas® PCR Media Dual Swab Sample Kit

PROCEDURAL NOTES:

- Vaginal lubricants, speculum jellies, creams, and gels containing carbomer(s) may interfere with the test and should not be used during or prior to sample collection.

- If the collected specimen contains excess blood (specimen has a red or brown color), it should be discarded and not used for testing.

- Avoid contact of the **cobas**® PCR Media with the skin, eyes or mucous membranes. If contact does occur, immediately wash with large amounts of water.
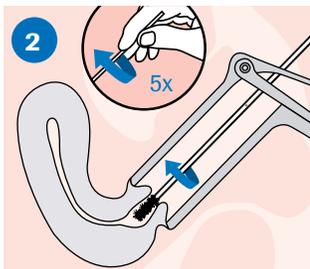
Woven swab for cleaning

Flocked swab for endocervical specimen collection

NOTE: _Do not_ pre-wet the swab in **cobas**® PCR Media before collection.
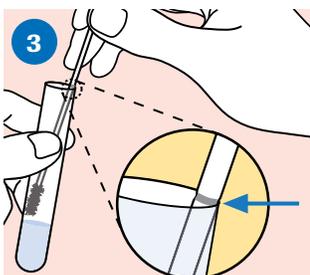
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CLEAN:

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

NOTE: Cleaning excess mucus from the cervical os is required to ensure an adequate sample is obtained for processing.
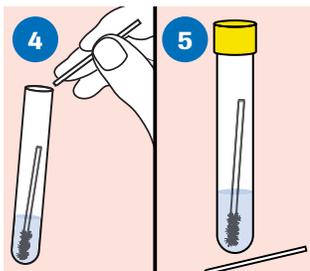
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COLLECT:

- To collect the specimen, hold flocked swab 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.

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ALIGN:

- Remove the cap from the cobas® PCR Media Tube.
- Lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible scoreline on the swab shaft is aligned with the tube rim.
- The bud of the swab should not be submerged into the liquid prior to breaking the shaft.

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BREAK:

- Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the scoreline.

CLOSE:

- Tightly close the cobas® PCR Media Tube. The specimen is now ready for transport.
- Discard the top portion of the swab.

SPECIMEN TRANSPORT AND STORAGE:

- Transport and store the **cobas**® PCR Media Tube containing the collection swab at 2°C to 30°C.

- The specimen should only contain 1 flocked swab and may be rejected if the tube contains no swab or 2 swabs.

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