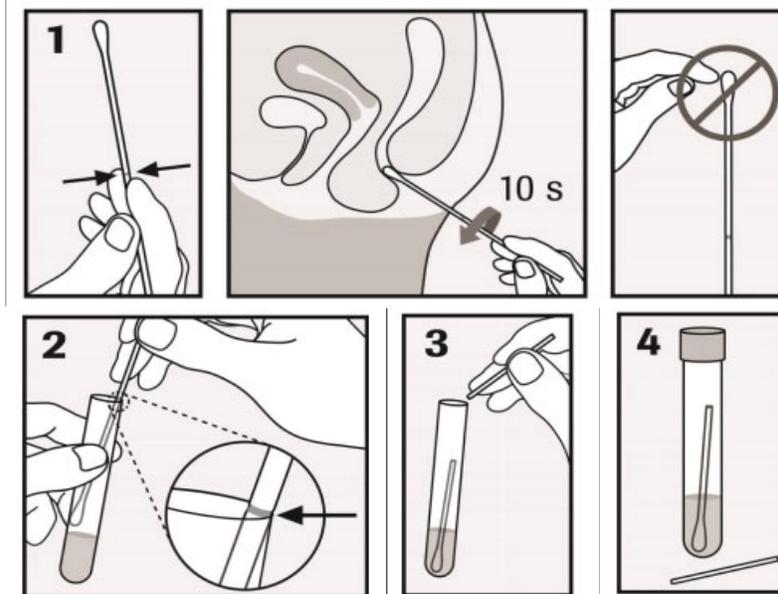


cobas[®] PCR Media Throat and Rectal Sample Kit

A short guide for collecting and transporting samples for testing for HCPs*

Rectal swab specimen collection



1) COLLECT: To collect the specimen, hold the swab with the score line 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 faeces, discard and repeat the collection. 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 score line 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 score line.

4) CLOSE: Tightly re-cap the **cobas**[®]PCR Media Tube. The specimen is now ready for transport. Discard the top portion of the swab.

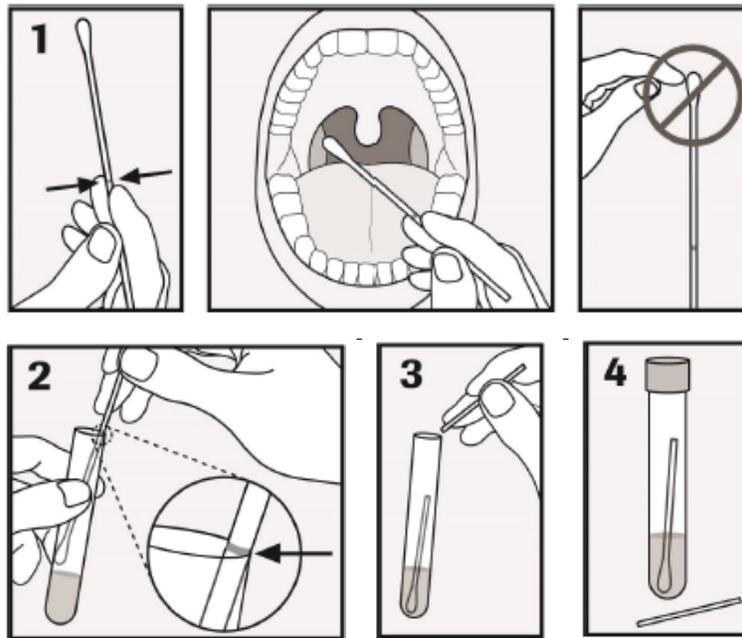
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Specimen transport and storage

- Following specimen collection, transport and store the cobas[®] PCR Media Tube containing the collection swab at 2°C to 30°C.
- Consult the test-specific Instructions for Use for collected stability claims. Available from your provider.
- Transportation of collected specimens must comply with all applicable regulations for the transport of etiologic agents.



Throat swab specimen



1) COLLECT: To collect the specimen, hold the swab with the score line above your hand and 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.

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