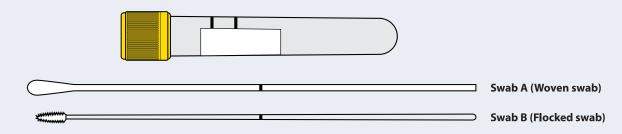
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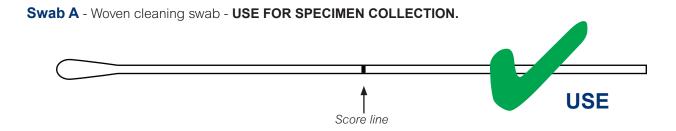
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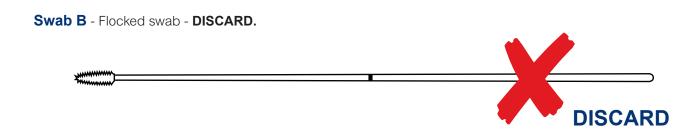
COBAS PCR media dual swab kit

Note: Only swab A (woven swab) is to be used.

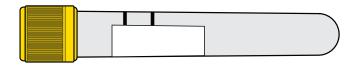
Do NOT use swab B, the smaller flocked swab. Discard the flocked swab.







Specimen transport tube



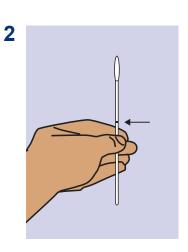
If the tube contents are spilled request a new COBAS PCR media dual swab kit.

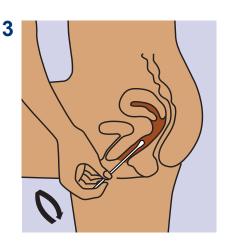


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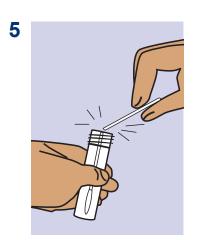






- 1. Wash hands thoroughly.
- 2. Remove Swab A (Woven swab) from sterile packaging (See illustration overleaf) and hold with scoreline above hand. Discard Swab B.
- 3. Insert the top of the cotton swab approximately 4-5 cm into the vagina. Rotate the swab once. Count to 10 and remove the swab.







- 4. Do not touch the end of the swab. Do not let the end of the swab touch any surface before placing it into the specimen transport tube.
- 5. While holding swab in same hand, unscrew the cap from the specimen transport tube. Do not spill tube contents. If the tube contents are spilled request a new COBAS PCR media dual swab kit.
 - Immediately place the swab into the tube so the score line is at the top of the tube.
 - Align score line with the top edge of the tube and carefully break swab shaft so swab tip drops to bottom of tube.
 - Discard swab handle.
 - Re-cap the tube tightly.

Note: Ensure only swab A (Woven swab) is placed in the transport tube. Do not use Swab B (Flocked swab).

Wash hands thoroughly.

Illustrations amended from NSW STI Programs Unit "Self Testing Card" - www.stipu.nsw.gov.au

