



Women's Health Collection Instructions

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CRITERIA FOR SPECIMEN REJECTION

1. Broken or leaking specimen tube(s)
2. Specimen labeled incorrectly
3. Incorrect specimen type/incorrect media
4. Specimen stored incorrectly or outside of stability
5. No swab in tube
6. Expired media



COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

To ensure safety and validity of the sample it is important to follow the instructions provided below. Personnel collecting vaginal specimens should be well trained to minimize the possibility of inadequate or contaminated sample collection. Use ONLY the swabs and tubes provided.

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1. Using laboratory gloves, remove the swab from its plastic packaging. Avoid touching the swab applicator below the pink molded breakpoint. This could lead to contamination and inaccurate test results.
2. A non lubricated speculum should be used to avoid contamination with external normal flora. Please note on the requisition if a speculum was not used for collection.
3. Carefully insert swab into the opening of vagina, about two inches, and gently rotate the swab for 10 to 30 seconds. Make sure the swab touches the walls of the vagina to ensure adequate moisture is absorbed.
4. Withdraw the swab without touching skin.
5. Once completed, insert the swab back into its media vial, swab end first.
6. Holding the swab shaft close to the rim of the tube, and keeping the tube away from your face, break the applicator shaft at the pink breakpoint line.
7. Screw the cap on tightly to prevent leakage.
8. Place one bar code sticker with date of birth completed on the collection tube and one completed bar code sticker on the completed Infectious Disease PCR Test Requisition.
9. Keep specimen refrigerated until pick-up.
10. Specimen is stable 24 hours at room temperature (20-26°C) or 5 days refrigerated (2-8°C)