

## **Women's Wound Panel Collection Instructions**

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## Important Reminders:

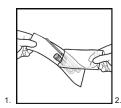
Swab the entire wound area

Do NOT allow lidocaine to touch the sample.

Do NOT do intensive or deep debridement prior to taking the sample.

Do NOT get biocides or cleaning agents on the tissue or swab sample.

- 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. Roll the sterile swab directly across the affected area until saturated.
- 3. Once completed, insert the swab back into its media vial, brush/swab end first.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Screw the cap on tightly to prevent leakage.
- 6. Place one barcode sticker with date of birth completed on the collection tube and one completed barbode sticker on the completed Infectious Disease PCR Test Requisition.
- 7. Keep specimen refrigerated until pick-up.











## STORAGE AND TRANSPORT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Transport specimen to the laboratory as soon as possible after collection.
- 2. Confirm that the information on the requisition (barcode and date of birth) matches the identifiers on the collection container.
- 3. Ship specimens in sealed biohazard bag in the provided clinical pak via UPS/FedEx via priority overnight shipping at room temperature.