Instructions¹ for vaginal sample collection

Do not pre-wet swab in cobas® PCR Media or any other liquid before collection

1. COLLECT:
   To collect the specimen, hold the swab with the scoreline above your hand and insert the swab about 5 cm (2 inches) into the vaginal opening. Gently turn the swab for about 30 seconds while rubbing the swab against the walls of the vagina.

   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, holding the tube, lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible scoreline on the swab shaft is aligned with the tube rim. The tip of the swab should be just above the media surface.

3. BREAK:
   Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the scoreline.

4. CLOSE:
   Tightly re-cap the cobas® PCR Media tube. The specimen is now ready for transport.

   Discard the top portion of the swab.

**HANDLING PRECAUTIONS:**
Use care to avoid splashing of contents.

**Transport:** 2°C to 30°C  •  **Stability of sample:** 12 months

**THE SPECIMEN WILL BE REJECTED IF THERE IS:**
- Presence of two swabs within the same tube
- No swab within the tube
- Excess of blood (>5%)

¹ Individuals collecting or directing the collection of samples should consult the complete instructions for use.