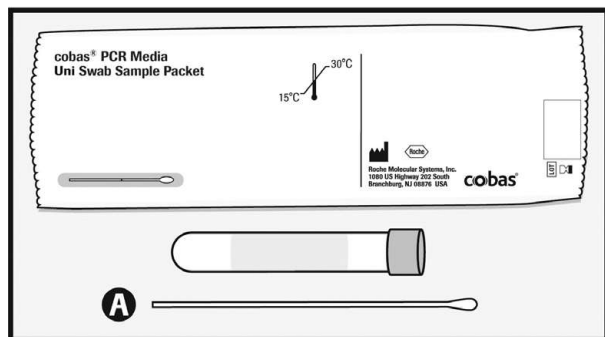


# Specimen collection

## Vaginal swab specimen- clinician collection

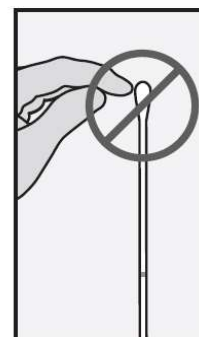
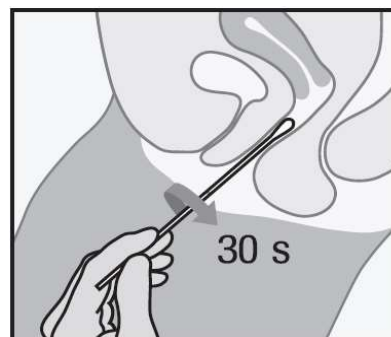
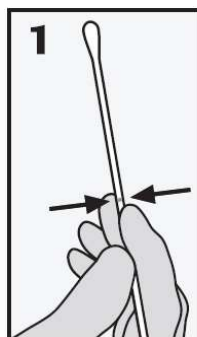
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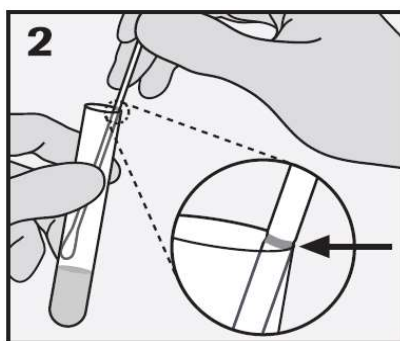
**cobas®** PCR Media Tube

Woven Swab: A

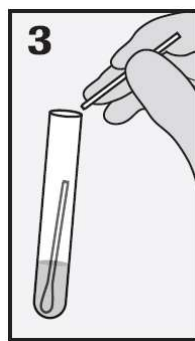


- 1. COLLECT:** In one hand, hold the woven swab (Swab A) with the scoreline above your hand and insert the swab about 5 cm (2 inches) into the vaginal opening. Gently turn the swab in a clockwise direction for about 30 seconds while rubbing the swab against the walls of the vagina.

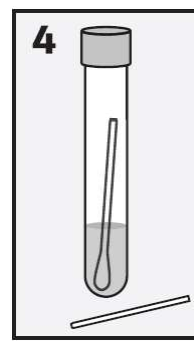
Withdraw the swab carefully. Do not let the swab touch any surface before placing it into the collection tube.



- 2. ALIGN:** Remove the cap from the **cobas®** PCR Media Tube and lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible scoreline on the swab is aligned with the tube rim. The bud 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 scoreline.



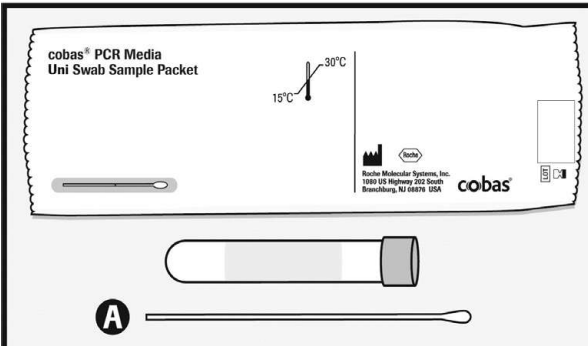
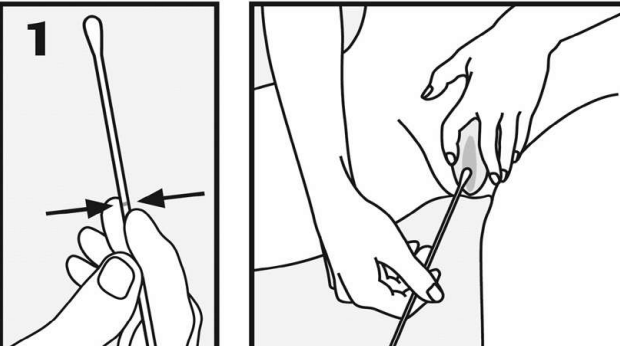
- 4. CLOSE:** **Tightly** re-cap the **cobas®** PCR Media Tube. The specimen is now ready for transport. Discard the top portion of the **swab**.

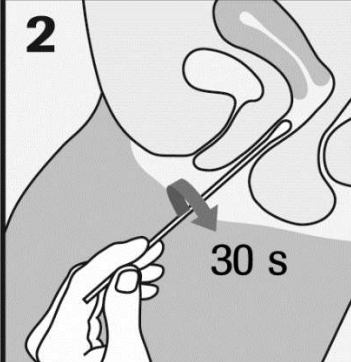
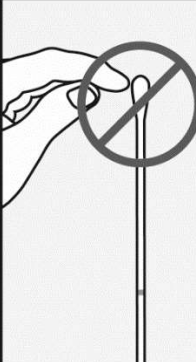
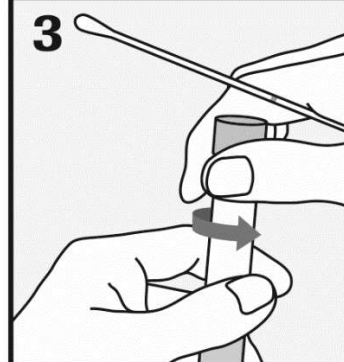
## Specimen transport and storage

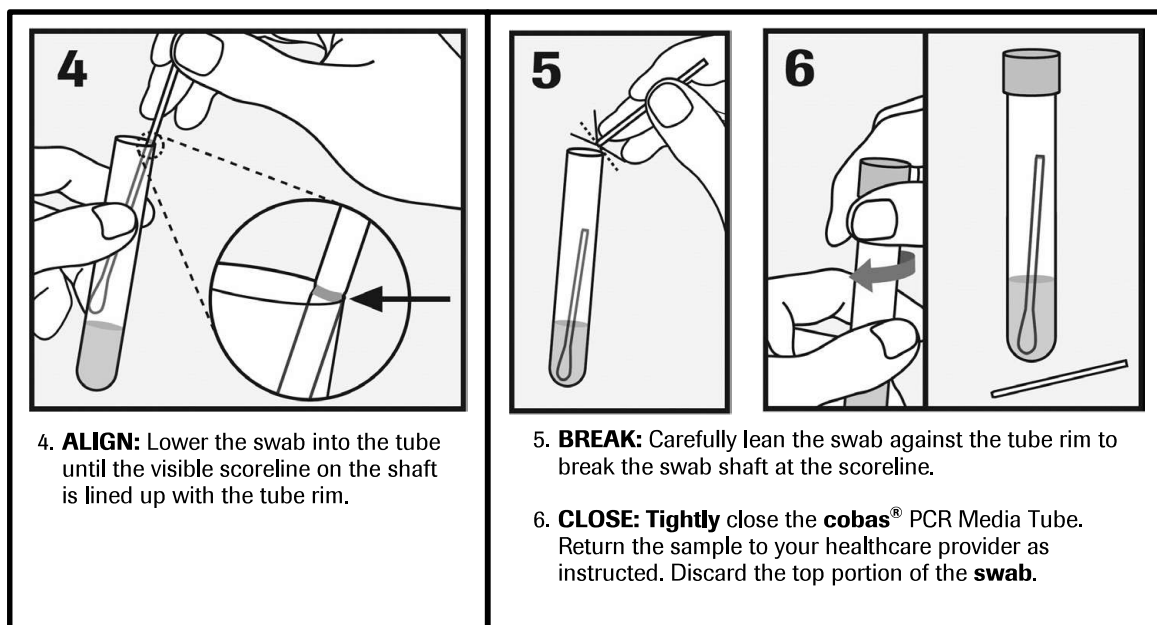
- Following specimen collection, transport and store the **cobas®** PCR Media Tube containing the collection swab at 2°C to 30°C.
- Consult the test-specific Instructions for Use for collected specimen stability claims.
- Transportation of collected specimens must comply with all applicable regulations for the transport of etiologic agents.<sup>3</sup>

## Vaginal swab specimen- self-collection in a clinical setting

**WARNING: DO NOT PRE-WET SWAB IN cobas® PCR MEDIA BEFORE COLLECTION!**

 <p>The <b>cobas®</b> PCR Media Uni Swab Sample kit contains:</p> <p><b>cobas®</b> PCR Media Tube</p> <p>Woven Swab: A</p>	 <p><b>1. POSITION:</b> In one hand, hold the woven swab (Swab A) with the scoreline above your hand and with the other hand separate the folds of skin around the vaginal opening (labia).</p>
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 <p><b>2. COLLECT:</b> Insert the swab about 5 cm (2 inches) into the vaginal opening. Gently turn the swab in a clockwise direction for about 30 seconds while rubbing the swab against the wall of the vagina. Remove the swab carefully.</p> <p>Do NOT touch the swab to any surface before placing into the collection tube.</p>		 <p><b>3. OPEN TUBE:</b> While holding the swab in the same hand, remove the cap from the tube as shown above.</p>
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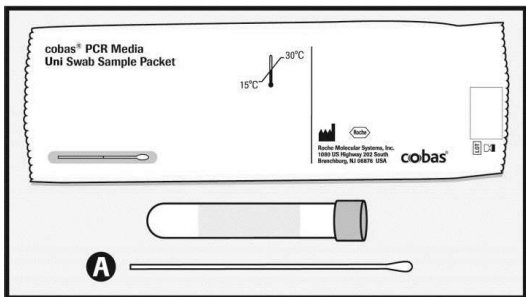


## Specimen transport and storage

- 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 specimen stability claims.
- Transportation of collected specimens must comply with all applicable regulations for the transport of etiologic agents.<sup>3</sup>

## Meatal swab specimen collection- clinician or self-collected in a clinical setting

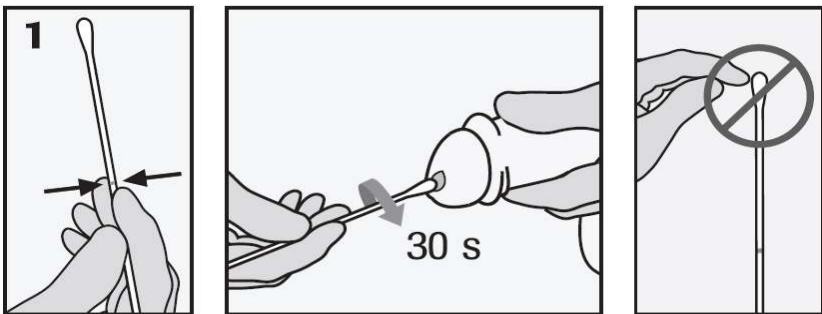
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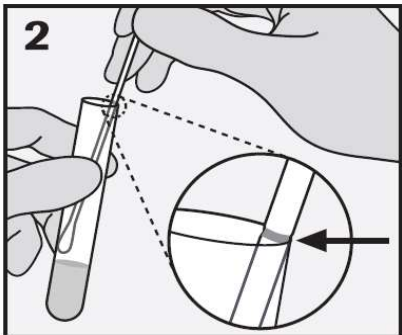
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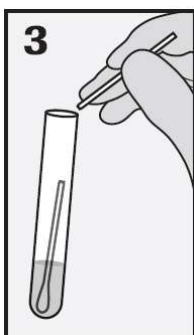
**cobas®** PCR Media tube

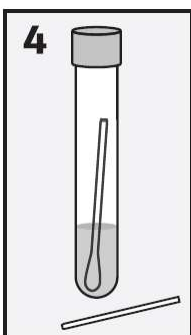
Woven Swab: A

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**1. COLLECT:** To collect the specimen, hold the woven swab (Swab A) with the scoreline above your hand. Turn the swab in a clockwise direction for about 30 seconds while rubbing the swab around the tip of the penis.

Move the swab away carefully. Do not let the swab touch any other surface before placing it into the collection tube.
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**2. ALIGN:** Remove the cap from the **cobas®** PCR Media Tube and lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible scoreline on the swab is aligned with the tube rim.
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**3. BREAK:** Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the scoreline.
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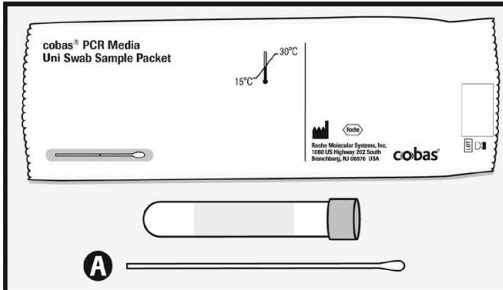
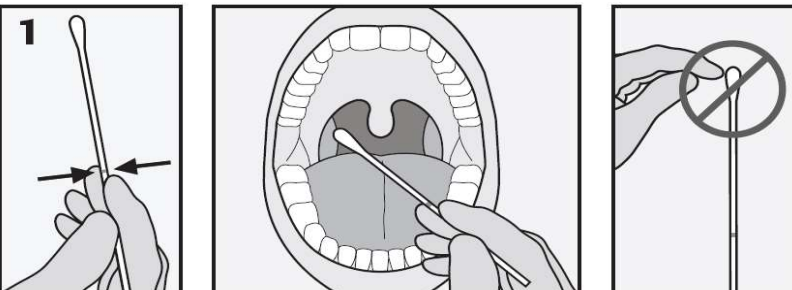
**4. CLOSE:** Tightly re-cap the **cobas®** PCR Media Tube. The specimen is now ready for transport. Discard the top portion of the **swab**.

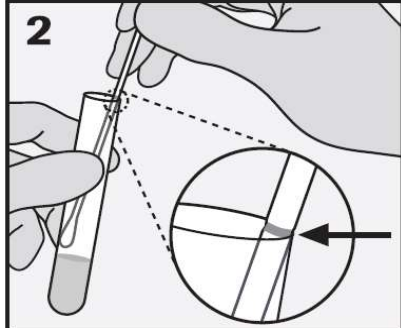
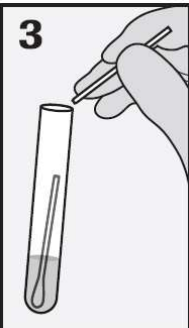
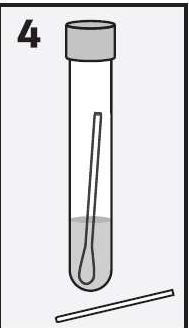
## Specimen transport and storage

- 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 specimen stability claims.
- Transportation of collected specimens must comply with all applicable regulations for the transport of etiologic agents.<sup>3</sup>

## Oropharyngeal (throat) swab specimen - clinician collection

**WARNING: DO NOT PRE-WET SWAB IN cobas® PCR MEDIA BEFORE COLLECTION!**

 <p>The <b>cobas®</b> PCR Media Uni Swab Sample kit contains:</p> <p><b>cobas®</b> PCR Media Tube Woven Swab: A</p>	 <p><b>1. COLLECT:</b> To collect the specimen, hold the woven swab (Swab A) with the scoreline above your hand and insert the swab into the mouth and collect the specimen from the bilateral posterior pharynx, both tonsils and the uvula.</p> <p>Withdraw the swab carefully. Do not let the swab touch any surface before placing it into the collection tube.</p>
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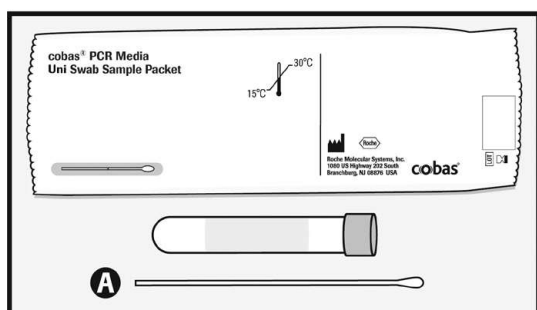
 <p><b>2. ALIGN:</b> Remove the cap from the <b>cobas®</b> PCR Media Tube and lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible scoreline on the swab is aligned with the tube rim. The tip of the swab should not be submerged into the liquid prior to breaking the shaft.</p>	 <p><b>3. BREAK:</b> Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the scoreline.</p>	 <p><b>4. CLOSE:</b> Tightly re-cap the <b>cobas®</b> PCR Media Tube. The specimen is now ready for transport. Discard the top portion of the <b>swab</b>.</p>
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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 specimen stability claims.
- Transportation of collected specimens must comply with all applicable regulations for the transport of etiologic agents.<sup>3</sup>

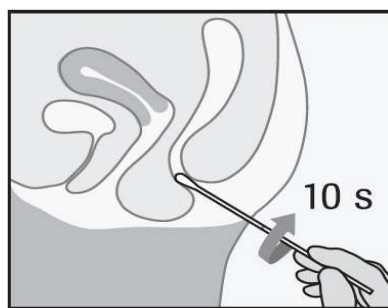
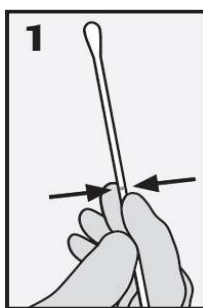
## Anorectal (rectal) swab specimen - clinician collection

**WARNING: DO NOT PRE-WET SWAB IN cobas® PCR MEDIA BEFORE COLLECTION!**



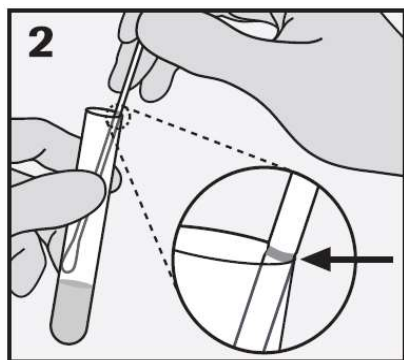
The **cobas®** PCR Media Uni Swab Sample kit contains:

**cobas®** PCR Media Tube  
Woven Swab: A

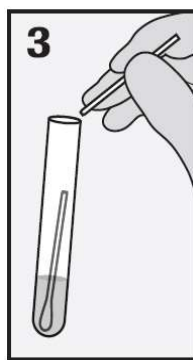


**1. COLLECT:** To collect the specimen, hold the woven swab (Swab A) with the scoreline above your hand and insert the swab about 3 to 5 cm (1-2 inches) into the anal canal. Gently turn the swab in a clockwise direction for about 5-10 seconds while running the swab against the walls of the rectum. If the swab is grossly contaminated with feces, discard and repeat the collection.

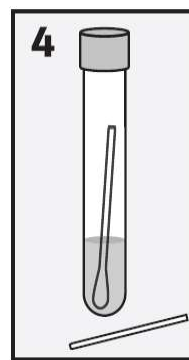
Withdraw the swab carefully. Do not let the swab touch any surface before placing it into the collection tube.



**2. ALIGN:** Remove the cap from the **cobas®** PCR Media Tube and lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible scoreline 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 scoreline.



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

## 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 specimen stability claims.
- Transportation of collected specimens must comply with all applicable regulations for the transport of etiologic agents.<sup>3</sup>