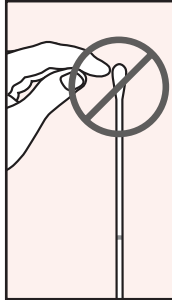
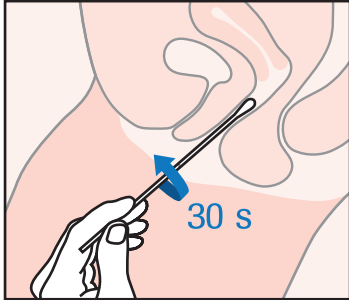
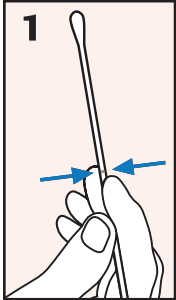


Instructions¹ for vaginal sample collection

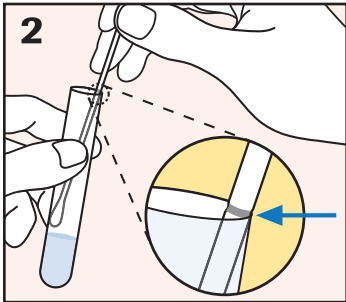
Do not pre-wet swab in cobas® PCR Media or any other liquid before collection



1. COLLECT:

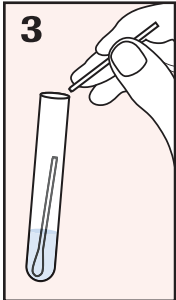
To collect the specimen, hold the swab with the scoreline above your hand and insert the swab about 5 cm (2 inches) into the vaginal opening. Gently turn the swab for about **30 seconds** while rubbing the swab against the walls of the vagina.

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



2. ALIGN:

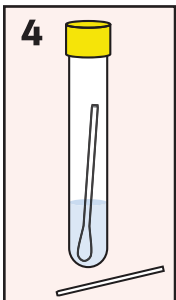
Remove the cap from the **cobas® PCR Media** tube, holding the tube, lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible **scoreline** on the swab shaft is aligned with the tube rim. The tip of the swab should be just above the media surface.



3. BREAK:

Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to **break the swab shaft at the scoreline**.

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS:
Use care to avoid splashing of contents.



4. CLOSE:

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

Discard the top portion of the swab.

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.