

Chlamydia trachomatis and Neisseria gonorrhoeae by Nucleic Acid Amplification Test

Oropharyngeal (throat) swab specimen – clinician collection

Warning: Do not pre-wet the swab in the cobas PCR media prior to collection!

Materials:

Cobas PCR Media Uni Swab Sample Packet

1. Cobas PCR Media Tube
2. Woven Swab

Steps:

1. Hold the woven swab with the score line above your hand.
2. Insert the swab into the mouth and collect the specimen from the bilateral posterior pharynx, both tonsils, and the uvula.
3. Withdraw the swab carefully. Do not let the swab touch any surface before placing it into the collection tube.
4. 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.
5. Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the scoreline.
6. Tightly re-cap the cobas PCR Media tube. Discard the top portion of the swab. Label the tube.
7. Transport and store the cobas PCR Media tube containing the collection swab at 2°C to 30°C.

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Anorectal (rectal) swab specimen – clinician collection

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Materials:

Cobas PCR Media Uni Swab Sample Packet

1. Cobas PCR Media Tube
2. Woven Swab

Steps:

1. Hold the woven swab with the score line above your hand.
2. Insert the about 3 to 5 cm (1 to 2 inches) into the anal canal.
3. Gently turn the swab in a clockwise direction for about 5-10 seconds while running the swab against the walls of the rectum.
 - a. If the swab is grossly contaminated with feces, discard and repeat the collection.
4. Withdraw the swab carefully. Do not let the swab touch any surface before placing it into the collection tube.
5. 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.
6. Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the scoreline.
7. Tightly re-cap the cobas PCR Media tube. Discard the top portion of the swab. Label the tube.
8. Transport and store the cobas PCR Media tube containing the collection swab at 2°C to 30°C.