



MATERIALS PROVIDED

1 Sterile Swab | 1 LA106 Transport Media Tube | 1 Biohazard Bag | Ice Pack(s) | 1 Lab Pak Mailer

VAGINAL SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION

To ensure safety and validity of the sample it is important to follow the instructions provided below.

1. Label the transport tube with two unique patient identifiers. Confirm identity with the patient.
2. Follow the sample collection protocol below:
 - a. Put on gloves.
 - b. Remove sterile swab from wrapper, taking care not to touch swab tip.
 - c. Insert the tip of the swab about two inches (5 cm) into the opening of the vagina.
 - d. Gently rotate the swab for 15 to 30 seconds against the sides of the vagina.
 - e. Withdraw swab carefully.
3. Place the swab in the transport tube.
4. Break the swab handle at the indentation mark and recap the tube (with the swab remaining in the tube).
5. Place the transport tube into the provided biohazard bag.
6. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.
7. Place all samples collected for the day into the provided Lab Pak mailer. Make sure to include ice pack(s). Seal the mailer and place a shipping label on the outside.
8. Do not hold samples. Ship all samples collected on the same day as collection.