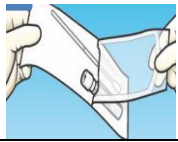




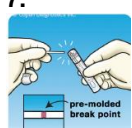



Collection Instructions for Routine Outpatient Genital Culture Using the Single eSwab

Sample types	Vagina	
Before Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain a routine culture eSwab collection package. 	
Collecting the sample	1.	Wash hands with soap and water, rinse and dry or use alcohol based hand sanitizer.
	2.	 <p>Open the single eSwab collection pouch and remove the swab and tube. Do NOT touch the area below the colored line on the swab. If you touch or drop the swab tip or the swab is laid down, discard the swab and request a new vaginal swab.</p>
	3.	 <p>Hold the swab by the cap with one hand so the swab tip is pointing toward you. With your other hand, gently spread the skin outside the vagina. Insert the tip of the swab into the vaginal opening. Point the tip toward your lower back and relax your muscles.</p>
	4.	 <p>Gently slide the swab <u>no more than two inches</u> into the vagina. If the swab does not slide easily, gently rotate the swab as you push. If it is difficult, do not attempt to continue. Make sure the swab touches the walls of the vagina so that moisture is absorbed by the swab.</p>
	5.	 <p>Rotate the swab for 10 – 15 seconds.</p>
	6.	 <p>Withdraw the swab without touching the skin. Uncap the tube. Insert the swab all the way to the bottom of the eSwab tube.</p>
	7.	 <p>With one hand grasp the swab at the end of it and have the tube in the other hand. Snap the swab at the pre-molded breakpoint as indicated by the colored line into the tube. DISCARD the top of the white swab in an approved medical waste container.</p>
	8.	 <p>Recap the eSwab tube and secure tightly.</p>
	9.	After collection, wash hands with soap and water, rinse and dry or use alcohol based hand sanitizer.
Labelling the sample	Ensure sample is labeled with the following: FULL Legal Name: Last Name, First Name & Middle Initial, Date of Birth and Personal Health Number. Origin of Sample (body site or source), date & time of collection.	
Delivering the sample	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When you have completed the collection, place the sample in a sealed plastic bag provided with the swab. Place the completed requisition in the outer pocket of the plastic bag. Do not place requisition inside the sealed section of the bag containing the sample; transport to the lab as soon as possible after collection. Swabs can be kept at room temperature for up to 48h after collection. If swab cannot be delivered to the lab within the 48h after collection, refrigerate and deliver as soon as possible. Samples that arrive after 7 days from collection will be rejected. <p>Samples that are not labeled correctly and/or do not have a completed requisition will be rejected.</p>	

Reference Material: Copan Diagnostics