

Vaginal Panel DNA

Clinician-collected Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection



Caution: Do NOT expose swab to Xpert Swab Transport Reagent prior to collection.

Caution: Wash your hands before starting.

1. Open the outer peelpack (which contains the two-package kit), and identify the larger cleaning swab and discard it.
2. Open the package that contains the pink-capped Xpert Swab Transport Reagent tube and individually wrapped collection swab. Set the tube aside before beginning to collect sample.
3. Open the collection swab wrapper by peeling open the top of the wrapper.
4. Remove the swab, taking care not to touch the tip or lay it down. If the soft tip is touched, the swab is laid down, or the swab is dropped, request a new collection kit.
5. Hold the swab in your hand, placing your thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft across the scoreline.
6. Carefully insert the swab into patient's vagina about 5 cm (two inches) inside the opening of the vagina and gently rotate the swab for 10 to 30 seconds. Ensure the swab touches the walls of the vagina so that moisture is absorbed by the swab.
7. Withdraw the swab carefully and continue to hold it in your hand.
8. While holding the swab in the same hand, unscrew the pink cap from the Xpert Swab Transport Reagent tube.
9. Do not spill the contents of the tube. If the contents of the tube are spilled, use a new collection kit.
10. Immediately place the swab into the transport reagent tube.
11. Identify the scoreline on the collection swab shaft. Carefully break the swab shaft against the side of the tube at the scoreline and discard the top portion of the swab shaft; use care to avoid splashing the contents. Wash with soap and water if exposed.
12. Re-cap the swab transport reagent tube and tighten the cap securely.
13. Invert or gently shake the tube 3-4 times to elute material from the swab. Avoid foaming.
14. Label the transport tube with the sample identification information, including date of collection, as required

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Clinician-collected Endocervical Swab Specimen Collection



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1. Open the Xpert Swab Specimen collection kit.
2. Before collecting the endocervical specimen with the Xpert Swab Specimen Collection Kit, remove excess mucus from the cervical os and surrounding mucosa using the large individually wrapped cleaning swab. Partially peel open the cleaning swab wrapper and remove the swab. Clean the cervical os and surrounding mucosa and then discard the swab. **Note:** If collecting multiple specimens, excess mucus need only be removed once.
3. Open the package that contains the pink-capped Xpert Swab Transport Reagent tube and the individually wrapped collection swab. Set the tube aside before proceeding.
4. Open the collection swab wrapper by peeling open the top of the wrapper.
5. Remove the swab, taking care not to touch the tip or lay it down. If the soft tip is touched, the swab is laid down, or the swab is dropped, use a new Xpert Swab Specimen Collection Kit.
6. Insert the collection swab into the endocervical canal.
7. Gently rotate the swab clockwise for 10 to 30 seconds in the endocervical canal to ensure adequate sampling.
8. Withdraw the swab carefully.
9. While holding the swab in the same hand, unscrew the cap from the Xpert Swab Transport Reagent tube.
10. Do not spill the contents of the tube. If the contents of the tube are spilled, use a new collection kit.
11. Immediately place the swab into the transport reagent tube.
12. Identify the scoreline on the collection swab shaft. Carefully break the swab shaft against the side of the tube at the scoreline and discard the top portion of the swab shaft; use care to avoid splashing the contents. Wash with soap and water if exposed.
13. Re-cap the swab transport reagent tube and tighten the cap securely.
14. Invert or gently shake the tube 3-4 times to elute material from the swab. Avoid foaming.
15. Label the transport tube with the sample identification information, including date of collection, as required.

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Patient-collected Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection



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Note: If you have any questions about this procedure, please ask your doctor, nurse, or care-provider.

1. In the privacy of the examination room or restroom, undress from the waist down. Comfortably position yourself to maintain balance during the collection procedure.
2. Open the outer peelpack (which contains the two-package kit) and identify the larger cleaning swab and discard it.
3. Open the package that contains the pink-capped Xpert Swab Transport Reagent tube and individually wrapped collection swab. Set the tube aside before beginning to collect sample.
4. Open the collection swab wrapper by peeling open the top of the wrapper.
5. Remove the swab, taking care not to touch the tip or lay it down. If the soft tip is touched, the swab is laid down, or the swab is dropped, request a new collection kit.
6. Hold the swab in your hand, placing your thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft across the scoreline.
7. Carefully insert the swab into your vagina about 5 cm (two inches) inside the opening of the vagina and gently rotate the swab for 10 to 30 seconds. Ensure the swab touches the walls of the vagina so that moisture is absorbed by the swab.
8. Withdraw the swab carefully and continue to hold it in your hand.
9. While holding the swab in the same hand, unscrew the pink cap from the Xpert Swab Transport Reagent tube.
10. Do not spill the contents of the tube. If the contents of the tube are spilled, request a new collection kit.
11. Immediately place the specimen collection swab into the transport reagent tube.
12. Identify the scoreline on the collection swab shaft. Carefully break the swab shaft against the side of the tube at the scoreline and discard the top portion of the swab shaft. If needed, gently rotate the swab shaft to complete the breakage. Use care to avoid splashing contents on the skin. Wash with soap and water if exposed.
13. Re-cap the swab transport reagent tube and tighten the cap securely.
14. Return the tube as instructed by your care provider. Care provider – invert the tube 3-4 times and label with 2 patient identifiers.