

BD Molecular Swab Collection Kit

Vaginal swab specimen self-collection procedure

For clinician staff

- **Do not use a lubricant** with the BD Molecular Swab Collection Kit to aid in self-collection.
- Patient must collect their specimen **before** any vaginal exam is performed with a lubricant.
- Self-collected vaginal swabs are approved specimen types for BD CTGCTV2 for BD MAX™ and BD COR™ instruments and BD Vaginal Panel for BD MAX™ and BD COR™ Instruments.

Patient instructions for self-collection

Please read all instructions before collecting specimens. If you have any questions about this procedure, please ask your doctor or nurse.

- Wash hands with soap and water. Rinse and dry.
- 1 Remove the sterile swab from its sheath, taking care not to contaminate the tip or shaft. Carefully pull the cap with attached swab off the tube (**Figure 1**). Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down. If you touch or drop the swab tip or the swab is laid down, discard the swab and request a new vaginal swab. Check for presence of the swab tip. If the swab has no tip, discard it and request a new vaginal swab.
 - 2 Hold the swab by the cap with one hand so the swab tip is pointing toward you (**Figure 2**). With your other hand, gently spread the skin outside the vagina. Insert the tip of the swab into the vaginal opening (Figure 2). Point the tip toward your lower back and relax your muscles.
 - 3 Gently slide the swab no more than 2 inches (5 cm) into the vagina (**Figure 3**). If the swab does not slide easily, gently rotate the swab as you push. If it is still difficult, do not attempt to continue self-collection; consult your clinician at this point.
 - 4 Rotate the swab for 10 to 15 seconds (**Figure 4**).
 - 5 Withdraw the swab without touching the skin outside the vagina. Place the swab in the sheath and cap the sheath securely (**Figure 5**).
- After collection, wash hands with soap and water, rinse, and dry. Return the swab in its sheath to the nurse or clinician as instructed.

Specimen stability in BD Molecular Swab Sample Buffer Tube

Self-collected vaginal swab specimens can be stored for a total of 21 days at 2–30 °C in BD Molecular Swab Sample Buffer Tubes.

This guide is not intended as a replacement for the detailed information contained in the IFU. Please consult BD product labels and package inserts for any indications, contraindications, hazards, warnings, cautions and instructions for use.

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