cobas® PCR sample kits
The first step to an accurate CT/NG result
The **cobas® PCR sample kits** are designed to maintain the integrity of results. Through the effective stabilization of collected samples, these kits enable faster sample preparation by completing the lysis of the cells within the primary sample tube. No refrigeration is required, making storage and transportation more convenient.

### Accuracy and reliability*

- Maintains the sensitivity of the assay through the immediate stabilization of the nucleic acid target once the collected sample, either swab or urine, is placed into the Roche transport medium.
- The **cobas®** PCR sample kits together with the **cobas®** 4800 System reduce hands-on time while minimizing human error, contamination, and processing time of samples.

### Convenience

- Processing begins the moment the sample is placed into the primary sample tube. This reduces extraction time as the lysis of the cells and the DNA stabilization occurs in the vial during transportation.
- The fully automated **cobas®** 4800 System processes samples directly from the primary sample tubes.
- There is no need to remove the swab from the primary sample tube and no further manipulation of the sample is needed.

### Stability

- Easier to transport, easier to store – collected samples maintain stability for up to 12 months at room temperature** in the **cobas®** PCR Media.
- Stabilized sample contains ample volume to perform multiple tests.

### Shipping & Storage

- After collection, you can ship your sample tubes at ambient temperature.
- Once stabilized in the **cobas®** PCR Media, the samples are stable at 2°C to 30°C for up to 12 months.**

### Easy Identification

- Sample kit cartons and individual packets are easily identifiable with type-specific icons and distinctive color coding. The **cobas®** PCR Media Kit allows labs to process samples that have not been stabilized in PCR media before.

### Ordering Information

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** **cobas®** PCR Female Swab Sample Kit & **cobas®** PCR Urine Sample Kit (package inserts).
A short guide for collecting & transporting samples for testing

Collection of male or female urine and female swab samples using one of the cobas® PCR sample kits is convenient and easy.

Urine collection protocol for male or female urine samples

- **PIPETTE:** Transfer the first catch urine collected into the cobas® PCR Media tube using the provided disposable pipette. (Note: If the urine specimen cannot be transferred immediately, it can be stored at 2°C to 30°C for up to 24 hours.)

- **TRANSFER:** The correct volume of urine has been added when the fluid level is between the two black lines on the tube label.

- **CAP:** Tightly re-cap the cobas® PCR Media tube.

- **MIX:** Invert the tube 5 times to mix. The specimen is now ready for transport.

Handling precautions

- Female patients should not cleanse the labial area prior to providing specimens.
- **DO NOT** collect specimen from patients who are menstruating.
- Female and male patients should not have urinated for at least one hour prior to sampling.
- Use care to avoid splashing of contents.

Female swab collection protocol for endocervical samples

- **CLEAN:** Using one of the swabs provided, remove excess mucus from the cervical os and surrounding mucosa. Discard this swab after use.

- **COLLECT:** Insert the other provided swab into the endocervical canal. Gently rotate the swab 5 times in one direction and carefully withdraw, avoiding any contact with the vaginal mucosa.

- **ALIGN:** Remove the cap from the cobas® PCR Media tube and lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible dark line on the swab shaft is aligned with the tube rim.

- **BREAK & CAP:** Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab at the dark line; discard the top portion of the swab. Tightly re-cap the tube. The specimen is now ready for transport.

Handling precautions

- **DO NOT** pre-wet collection swabs with the collection media before obtaining the endocervical specimen.
- Use care to avoid splashing of contents.

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1 Individuals collecting or directing the collection of samples should consult the complete instructions for use.
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Female swab self-collection protocol for vaginal samples

- **POSITION:** Hold the swab in one hand and with the other hand separate the folds of skin around the vaginal opening (labia).

- **COLLECT:** Insert the swab about 5 cm (2 inches) into the vaginal opening. Gently turn the swab for about 30 seconds while rubbing the swab against the wall of the vagina. Remove the swab carefully. Do not touch the swab to any surface before placing it into the collection tube.

- **OPEN TUBE:** While holding the swab in the same hand remove the cap from the tube as shown in the diagram.

- **ALIGN:** Lower the swab into the tube until the visible dark line on the swab shaft is lined up with the tube rim. The tip of the swab should be just above the liquid in the tube.

- **BREAK:** Carefully lean the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the dark line; discard the top portion of the swab.

- **CLOSE:** Tightly close the cobas® PCR Media tube. Return the sample to your healthcare provider as instructed.

Handling precautions

The collection tube media can cause irritation if contacted with skin or other body parts. Handle the collection tube carefully.

- **Do NOT** pre-wet collection swab with the collection media or any other liquid before obtaining the vaginal sample.

- Use care to avoid splashing contents of the tube. If the contents of the tube are spilled on your skin, wash the affected area with soap and water. If the contents of the tube splash into your eyes, flush them with water immediately. Always notify your healthcare provider. NOTE: In case the contents of the tube are accidently spilled, do not attempt to clean up. Immediately notify your healthcare provider for appropriate action.

For More Information

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