

Alinity m multi-Collect Specimen Collection Kit

Self-Collected Vaginal Swab Instructions

Your kit contains the following:

- One Transport Tube containing a liquid
- One Sterile Specimen Collection Swab
- One disposable Transfer Pipette

CAUTION: DO NOT touch the white tip of the swab or lay the swab down. If the white tip is touched or the swab is laid down or dropped, your results may not be accurate. You need to request a new Alinity m multi-Collect Specimen Collection Kit.

DO NOT pre-wet the collection swab with the liquid in the Transport Tube before collecting a sample.

DO NOT ingest or expose skin/eyes to the liquid in the Transport Tube.

IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.

Pre-Collection Steps

1. Wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly before starting and after completing all steps.
2. In the privacy of the examination room or restroom, you will need to undress from the waist down. You will need to position yourself to maintain balance during the collection procedure.
3. Open the kit package. Discard the transfer pipette (Shown in Diagram 1). Do not open the transport tube. Set the tube aside on a clean, dry surface before beginning collection.

Collection Steps

4. Remove the swab from the wrapper with your clean hands. Hold the swab with the white tip up (Shown in Diagram 2). Do not touch the tip of the swab to anything.
5. Holding the swab with one hand, gently spread the vaginal labia with your other hand. Insert the white tip of the swab about two inches (5 cm) into the opening of your vagina (Shown in Diagram 3). Rotate the swab for 15 to 30 seconds. Make sure the swab touches the sides of your vagina. Remove the swab from your vagina being careful not to touch your skin. Do not set the swab down.
6. While still holding the swab, unscrew and remove the cap from the transport tube without setting the cap down. Place the swab into the tube with the white tip down (Shown in Diagram 4 and 5). If the transport tube spills or liquid splashes out, you will need to request a new Specimen Collection Kit.
7. Break off the top of the swab along the score line. (The score line is made to break easily). Try not to spill or splash any of the liquid out of the transport tube. Screw the cap back onto the transport tube tightly (Shown in Diagram 6). The cap must be tight or leakage may occur.
8. Return the transport tube containing the swab to the nurse or doctor.

