

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS STI - PCR

SPECIMEN: CERVICAL SWAB

Container: Sterile swab (without medium)



SAMPLE COLLECTION:

Before specimen collection, gently remove excess mucus from the surface of the cervix using a neutral swab (discard this swab).

- Label the container in advance.
- Remove the collection swab from the container.
- Insert the swab into the endocervix and collect the specimen using a circular motion.
- Return the swab to the container.
- Send the container to the laboratory for testing.

Specimen stability: 2 hours at 15–30 °C; 24 hours at 2–8 °C

SAMPLE: FIIRST-VOID UIRNE

Container: Sterile urine container (neutral)



COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Do not wash the external genitalia prior to specimen collection.
- Open the container.
- Do not touch the inside of the container or lid.
- Collect 10–20 mL of the first-void urine directly into the sterile container.
- Close the container tightly.
- Deliver the specimen to the laboratory within 2 hours of collection (room temperature).
- If delayed transport is expected, store the specimen at 2–8°C and deliver to the laboratory within 48 hours.