VAGINAL SCREENING FOR CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS, NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE AND TRICHOMONAS VAGINALIS

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Materiel required

- Swab and transport medium from the BD MAX UVE Specimen Collection Kit
- Permanent ink marker

Sample collection

**** Collection must be done at a medical clinic or CLSC. Samples collected elsewhere will be rejected. ****

NOTE: Do not use a lubricant prior to the collection. The following substances can interfere with the results, so please avoid using them prior to collection or talk to your physician:

- "VCF" contraceptive foam
- Aciclovir
- "Conceptrol" contraceptive gel
- Metronidazole

- > Anti-itch vaginal cream
 - Remove the sterile swab from its sheath, making sure not to contaminate the tip or the shaft. Do not place the swab on a surface. If the tip of the swab is touched or the swab is placed on a surface, throw it away and use a new collection kit. Make sure the kit contains a swab tip. If the swab does not have a tip, throw it away and ask for a new BD MAX UVE Specimen Collection Swab.
 - Hold the swab by the white cap.
 - Gently slide the swab no more than 5 cm into the vagina. If the swab does not slide easily, gently rotate it as you push. Make sure the swab touches the walls of the vagina so that the swab absorbs moisture.
 - Rotate the swab for 10 to 15 seconds.
 - Withdraw the swab without touching the skin.

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Uncap the BD MAX UVE Sample Buffer Tube and completely insert the swab into the tube, so that the tip reaches the bottom of the tube



(see the figure below).

 Holding the swab by the cap, carefully break the shaft at the score mark. Be careful to avoid splashing the contents of the tube.



- Tightly recap the BD MAX UVE Sample Buffer Tube. If the swab shaft is too long and prevents the tube from being properly closed, repeat the sample collection with a new swab.
- On the BD MAX UVE Sample Buffer Tube, write:
 - Last name and first name
 - Hospital file number or RAMQ number
 - Collection date and time

Note: Be careful not to cover up the bar codes on the tube.

- Use the viewing window on the BD MAX UVE Sample Buffer Tube to ensure that the swab sample was added to the tube.
- Take it to the lab and make sure to respect the storage and stability directive indicated below.

Storage

Keep at room temperature until transportation.

Transportation

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- Bring the sample, accompanied by the requisition form duly completed, to the laboratory reception (CHDL, 1000 boul. St-Anne, St-Charles-Borromée, QC, J6E 6J2, room SB-A-031), as soon as possible (during opening hours).
- Maximum timeframe: 24 hours after the collection.

For more information

• Contact the laboratory reception at 450-759-8222, ext. 2606 (business days, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

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