**SELF ADMINISTERED VAGINAL SWABS**

**“S E L F I E” - YELLOW SWAB (1)**

**THE YELLOW TOP SWAB IS FOR CHLAMYDIA AND GONORRHEA**

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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.

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**Handling precautions**

The collection tube media can cause irritation if contacted with skin or other...