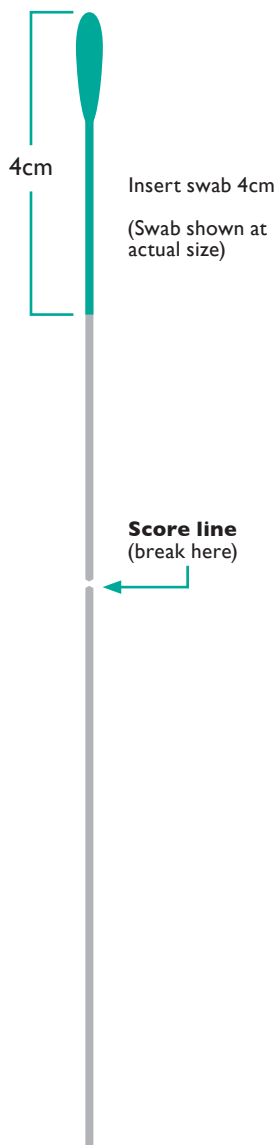


How to do a rectal swab

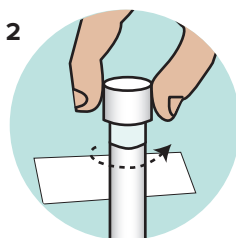


Please read all instructions before taking your sample.

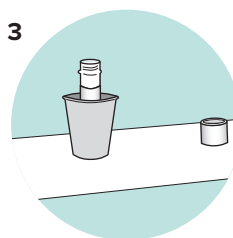
- If you spill liquid from the tube, tell a staff member. They will give you a new kit for you to start again.
- Use the correct tube for each body part if you are collecting more than one sample. Finish collecting one sample before starting the next in this order: 1) throat, 2) vaginal, 3) rectal.
- Make sure the tube is labelled with your name and date of birth.
- Collecting your own swab is as effective as having a nurse or doctor do it.



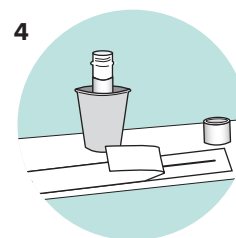
1 Wash your hands with soap and water.



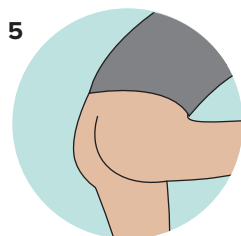
2 Lay a paper towel down on a clean and flat surface.
Twist the cap off the tube and put the cap down with the inside surface facing up.



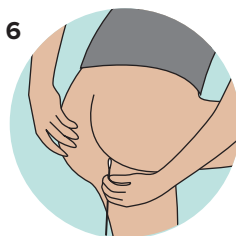
3 Put the tube upright on the flat surface.
You can use a cup to keep the tube upright if you want.



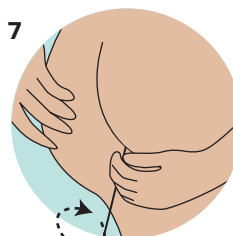
4 Take the swab out of the package. Do not touch the soft end of the swab with your hands or surfaces.



5 Get into a position that gives you the easiest access to your anus.



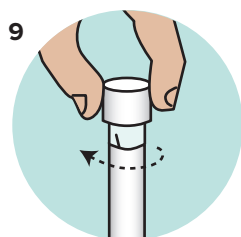
6 Take one hand and spread one bum cheek to the side. With your other hand, put the swab at the opening of your anus.



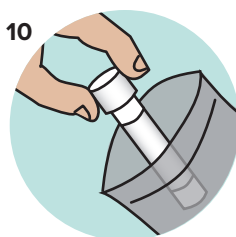
7 Insert the swab about 4 cm.
Gently move the swab in a circle 2 or 3 times, touching the walls of the rectum.



8 Put the soft end of the swab in the tube.
Break the swab at the score line by pressing it against the side of the tube.



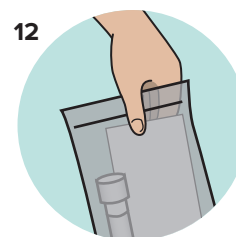
9 Twist the cap back on the tube tightly.



10 Put the tube in the plastic "Biohazard" bag.
Make sure your lab form is in the front pocket of the bag.
Close the bag.



11 Wash your hands with soap and water.



12 Give the plastic bag with your swab(s) and lab form to a staff member.

Video Instructions:

