

# Human Papillomavirus (HPV) DNA Profile Vaginal Swab Collection

## SPECIMEN PROCESSING INSTRUCTIONS



LABORATORIES

Patient-collected vaginal swabs **done in a healthcare setting** can be used for HPV testing.

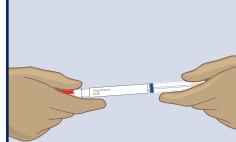
Place the patient-collected sample into the vial containing preservation medium within 1 hour of collection.  
Be sure to read all instructions before beginning the sample suspension process.

### STEP 1 | PREPARE FOR COLLECTION



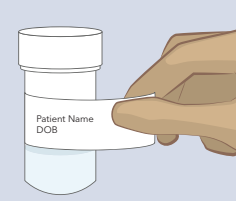
Put a patient label (with 2 patient identifiers) on the FLOQSwabs® tube. Copan FLOQSwabs® (552C.RM) is required for this test with no swab substitutions.

### STEP 2 | PROVIDE PATIENT WITH SWAB



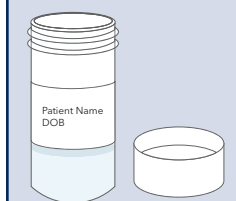
Provide the patient with the swab tube and collection instructions. Explain where to place the tube after collection.  
Once the patient leaves the tube in the designated location, the suspension process in the vial will start in the next step.

### STEP 3 | APPLY PATIENT LABEL TO VIAL



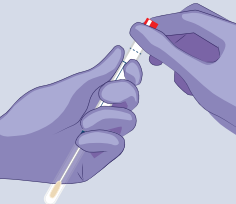
After collection, confirm that the patient label matches the identifiers (2 patient identifiers) on the swab tube, then put the label on the vial.

### STEP 4 | REMOVE CAP



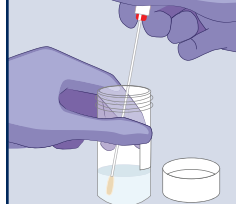
Carefully uncap the vial containing 20 mL of clear preservation medium (ThinPrep PreservCyt) and place it on a stable, flat surface.

### STEP 5 | REMOVE SWAB FROM TUBE



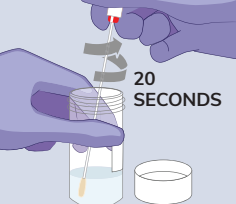
Slowly pull the tube cap off to remove the swab from the tube. Avoid touching the inner walls of the tube as you remove the swab.

### STEP 6 | IMMERSE SWAB IN MEDIUM



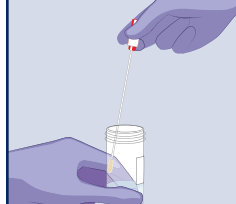
Hold the vial with one hand. With the other hand, insert the swab tip into the vial until it is fully immersed in the medium and touches the bottom of the vial.

### STEP 7 | SWIRL SWAB IN MEDIUM



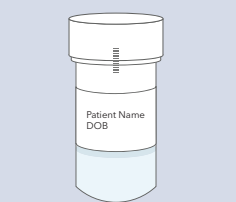
Holding onto the vial, swirl the swab along the inner vial wall for 20 seconds while ensuring the swab remains immersed in the medium. Be careful not to splash.

### STEP 8 | REMOVE SWAB FROM VIAL



Carefully draw the swab up along the inner vial wall until the top is no longer immersed in the medium. Hold the tip against the inner vial wall to drain fluid off of the swab. Place the swab into the tube and discard.

### STEP 9 | RECAP VIAL AND TIGHTEN



Recap the vial and tighten until the lines on the cap and vial meet or slightly overlap to prevent leakage. Store the vial upright.

### STEP 10 | PACKAGE SAMPLE



Place the sample into a room temperature specimen bag. Secure the requisition in the specimen bag's outer pouch.  
Place the sample in the specimen pickup area.