

# Chlamydia/Gonorrhea/ Trichomonas

## Specimen Collection

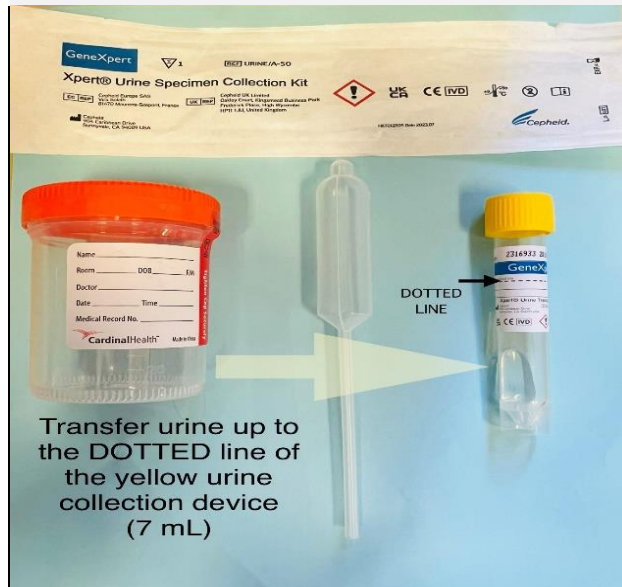
### FOR ED & INPATIENTS

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Nurses can collect or teach patients how to obtain STI samples from vaginal or rectal sources. Please visit Elsevier Clinical Resources *skills* for additional information and technique. Another staff member may assist with the collection but is not required.



## Urine

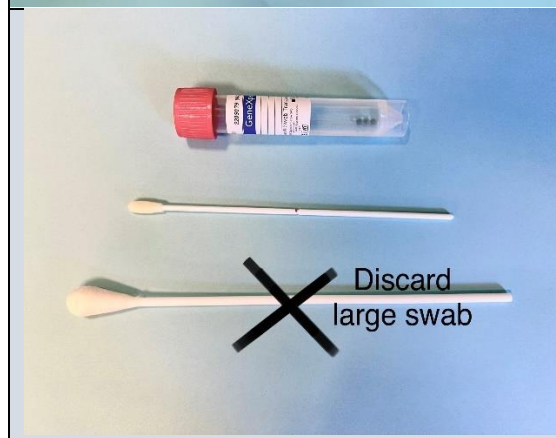
*Refrigerate if unable to deliver to lab immediately*

- Collect first catch urine in sterile cup
- Transfer up to the dotted line of the **YELLOW** urine collection device (pictured).

Stability in GeneXpert Collection Device:

3 days **room temperature** (for Chlamydia/Gonorrhea)

14 days **room temperature** (For Trichomonas)



## Swabs

(Trichomonas = Vaginal ONLY;

Chlamydia/Gonorrhea = Vaginal, Rectal, Throat)

**PINK** capped (not red) GeneXpert Swab Collection Device

**DISCARD LARGE SWAB!**

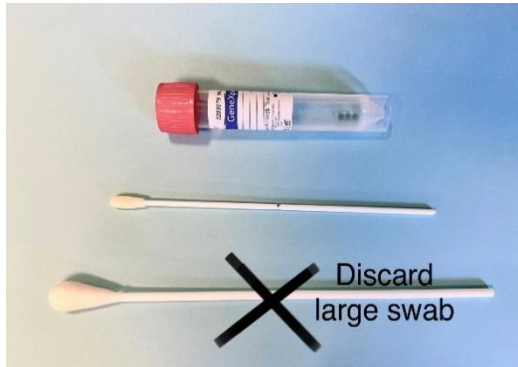
Use small swab for collection

Stability: 60 days **room temperature**

## Vaginal Swab Collection Instructions

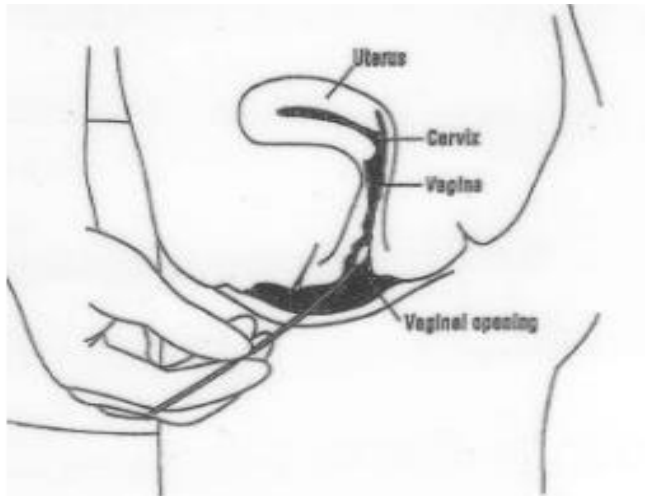
### Step 1:

Open kit that contains the pink-capped tube, small swab and large swab. DISCARD the larger swab.



### Step 2:

Carefully insert the tip of the small swab about 2 inches into the opening of the vagina and gently rotate the swab for 10-30 seconds. Take the swab out of vagina.



### Step 3:

Unscrew the pink cap from the transport tube. Immediately place the collection swab into the transport tube. Break the swab shaft at the score mark.



### Step 4:

Put cap back tightly on the test tube to prevent leaking. Try not to splash liquid out of the tube.



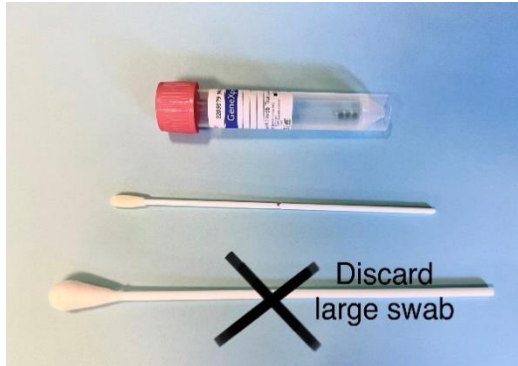
### Step 5:

Discard wrapper and unused swab. **Wash hands.**

## Rectal Swab Collection Instructions

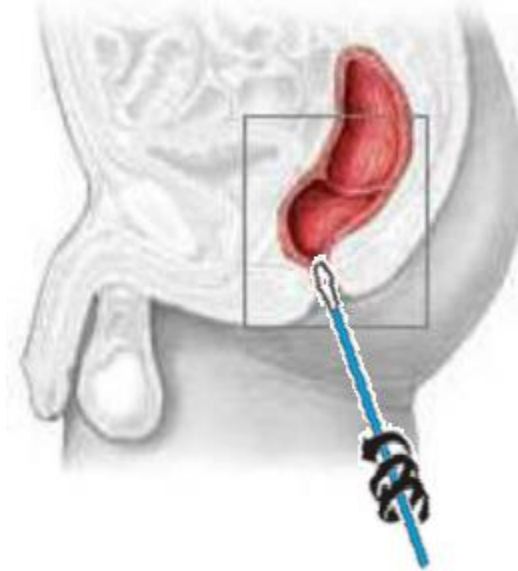
### Step 1:

Open kit that contains the pink-capped tube, small swab and large swab. DISCARD the larger swab.



### Step 2:

Carefully insert the tip of the small swab approximately 1 in beyond the anus. Gently rotate the swab for 5-10 seconds.



### Step 3:

Unscrew the pink cap from the transport tube. Immediately place the collection swab into the transport tube. Break the swab shaft at the score mark.



### Step 4:

Put cap back tightly on the test tube to prevent leaking. Try not to splash liquid out of the tube.



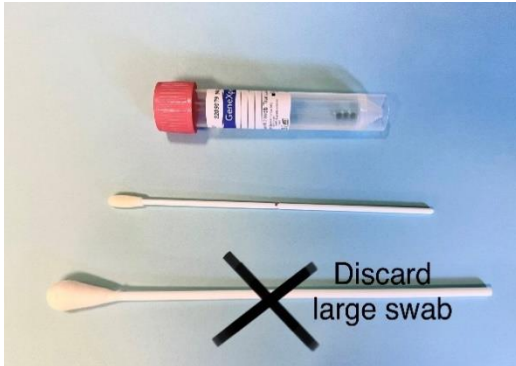
### Step 5:

Discard wrapper and unused swab. **Wash hands.**

## Pharyngeal Swab Collection Instructions

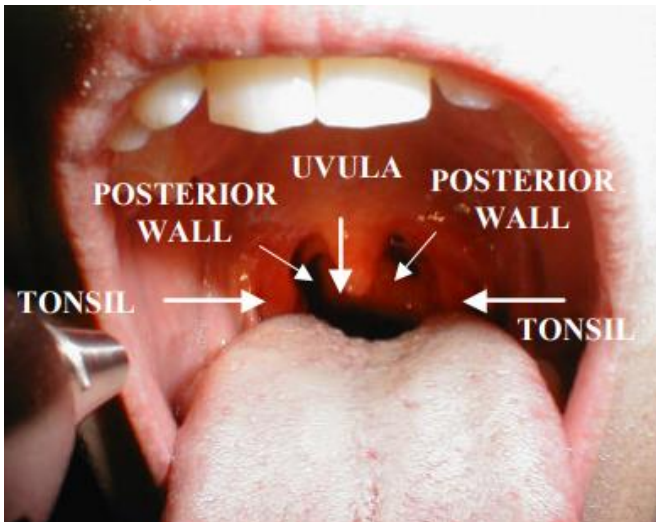
### Step 1:

Open kit that contains the pink-capped tube, small swab and large swab. DISCARD the larger swab.



### Step 2:

Instruct patient to open mouth widely and position tongue toward bottom of the mouth. Be sure to make good contact with 5 key areas of the throat (see below).



### Step 3:

Unscrew the pink cap from the transport tube. Immediately place the collection swab into the transport tube. Break the swab shaft at the score mark.



### Step 4:

Put cap back tightly on the test tube to prevent leaking. Try not to splash liquid out of the tube.



### Step 5:

Discard wrapper and unused swab. **Wash hands.**

