

Group B Streptococcus, PCR Collection Instructions

1. Wipe away excessive amounts of secretion or discharge. **Do not use lubricants as they interfere with PCR testing.** If lubricant has already been used, wipe away excess lubricant with a second culture swab set and discard. Collect specimen for PCR testing.
2. Remove **both** swabs from the transport container.
3. Carefully insert both swabs into the patient's vagina. Sample secretions from the mucosa of the lower one-third part of the vagina. Rotate the swabs three times to ensure uniform sample on both swabs.
4. Using the same swabs, carefully insert both swabs approximately 2.5 cm beyond the anal sphincter, and gently rotate to sample anal crypts.
5. Place both swabs in the transport container.