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MCL is pleased to announce the availability of the following product that can be used with the CTNG DNA test: cobas® PCR Media Uni Swab Sample Kit.

Kit contents:
- 1 cobas® PCR media tube
- 1 polyester woven swab

The dual swab collection kits will be discontinued as the new kits are phased in. Current collection kits will be accepted through their expiration date.

Specimen Stability
Specimens collected and transported for testing with the CTNG DNA Test in the cobas® PCR Media tube are stable at 2 - 30° C for up to 1 year.

Instructions for Vaginal specimen collection with the cobas® PCR Uni Swab Sample Kit
NOTE: If collecting from the endocervix, use a separate swab to clean the collection area before proceeding.

TO COLLECT: Please refer to the collection instructions on the kit package.
ALIGN: Remove the cap from the cobas® PCR Media tube and lower the swab specimen into the tube until the visible dark line on the swab shaft is aligned with the tube rim.
BREAK: Carefully leverage the swab against the tube rim to break the swab shaft at the dark line; discard the top portion of the swab.
CLOSE: Tightly re-cap the cobas® PCR Media tube. The specimen is now ready for transport.

The specimen will be rejected if the specimen tube contains 2 swabs or no swab.

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS:
The collection tube media can cause irritation if contacted with skin or other body parts. Handle the collection tube carefully.
- Do NOT pre-wet collection swab with the collection media or any other liquid before obtaining the sample.
- Use care to avoid splashing contents of the tube. If the contents of the tube are spilled on your skin, wash the affected area with soap and water. If the contents of the tube splash into your eyes, flush them with water immediately. Always notify your healthcare provider.

Following specimen collection, transport and store cobas® PCR Media Tube containing the collected swab at 2°C to 30°C.
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