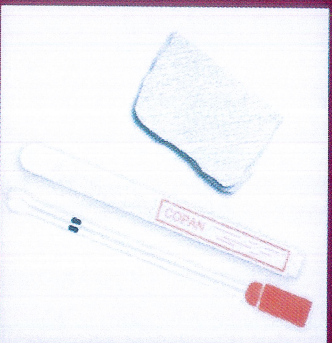


Vaginal / Rectal Specimen Collection Protocol

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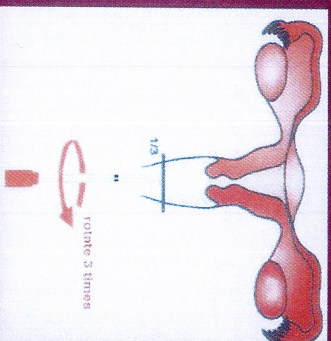
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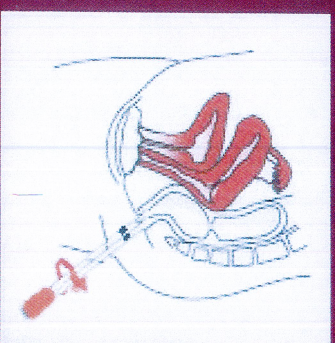
Wipe AWAY excessive amount of secretion or discharge from the vaginal area.
A Copan Venturi Transystem double swab must be used to collect the specimen

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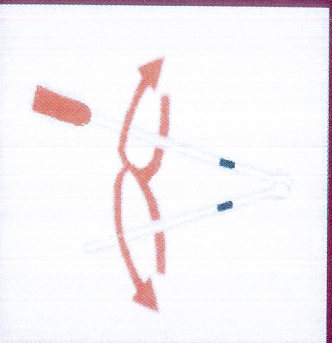
Carefully insert the double swab into the patient's vagina; sample secretions from the mucosa of the lower on-third part of the vagina. Rotate swab 3 times to ensure uniform sample on both swabs.

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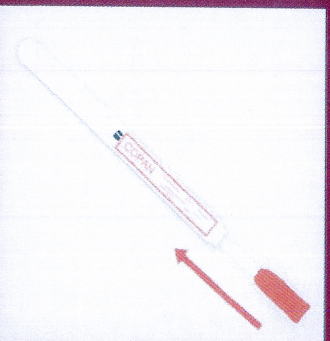
Using the same double swab, carefully insert the swab approximately 2.5 cm beyond the anal sphincter and gently rotate to sample anal crypts.

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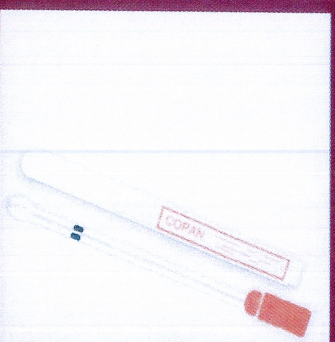
To further ensure a uniform sample on both swabs, remove one of the swabs from the red holder; gently brush the two swabs together in a twirling motion so that the area on each swab has been in contact with the other swab.

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Place the swab back in the red holder and insert both swabs in the tube.

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Specimens that can be tested within 24 hours can be kept at room temperature; if not, it is recommended that they be refrigerated. Specimens stored at 2-8°C are stable for up to 6 days.