Group B Streptococcus

Genital swab for Group B streptococcus (GBS)

This test requires you to collect a swab sample from your vagina and anus. Please note that this test is not performed by collection staff. You will collect the sample yourself.

Equipment provided for this test
- Sterile tube containing a liquid medium (do not empty)

Prior to commencing this test
- Apply an ID label if provided or write your full name (first, middle & surname), date of birth on the container.

Collection Instructions

1. Remove swab from packaging. Do not touch the sample end of the swab. Insert swab 2cm into the vagina (front passage). You must swab the vagina first.
2. Insert the same swab 1cm into the anus (back passage).
3. Place swab in the sterile tube containing liquid medium. Do not empty the liquid.
4. Deliver the specimen to collection center as soon as possible.

Specimens will NOT be accepted if not collected in appropriate (pathology provided) container.
If there is a problem during the collection, a replacement container / kit can be provided.