COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

A. Urine
1. COLLECT: 10-50 mL of first-catch urine in a urine collection cup (preservative free). (Patient should not have urinated for at least one hour prior to sampling.)
2. PIPETTE: Immediately transfer the urine into a Cobas PCR Media tube using the provided disposable pipette. Add urine until the fluid level is between the two black lines on the tube label.
3. MIX: Tightly re-cap the Cobas PCR Media tube. Invert the tube 5 times to mix.
4. LABEL: Apply LIS test label.

B. Endocervical Swab
1. CLEAN: Using one of the swabs provided, remove excess mucus from the cervical os and surrounding mucosa. Discard the swab after use.
2. COLLECT: Insert the second swab into the Endocervical canal. Gently rotate the swab 5 times in one direction in the Endocervical canal. Do not over-rotate. Carefully withdraw the swab, avoiding any contact with the vaginal mucosa.
3. 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. The tip of the swab should be just above the media surface near the hexagonal Roche logo.
4. 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. Tightly re-cap the Cobas PCR Media tube.
5. LABEL: Apply LIS test label.

C. Vaginal Swab (clinician collection or self-collection)
1. COLLECT: Insert the swab about 5 cm (2 inches) into the vaginal opening. Gently turn the swab for about 30 seconds while rubbing the swab against the walls of the vagina. Withdraw the swab carefully. Do not let the swab touch any surface before placing into collection tube.
2. Continue with the ALIGN and BREAK directions described under endocervical swab collection.
3. LABEL: Apply LIS test label.

IMPORTANT COLLECTION NOTES
- Cobas PCR media tubes are identical for urine and swab collections. Cobas PCR Urine kits contain a transfer pipette. Cobas PCR Female swab kits contain two swabs (cleaning and collection).
- Male urethral swabs are NOT an acceptable specimen type.
- Do not pre-wet swab in Cobas PCR Media before collection.
- Specimens in Cobas PCR Media are stable at 2°C to 30°C for up to 12 months.
- If urine cannot be transferred immediately to PCR media tube, store at 2°C to 30°C up to 24 hours.
- ThinPrep vials are NOT acceptable

LIS mnemonics: Urine collection: MPCTNGU, MPCTU, MPNGU
Swab collection: MPCTNGS, MPCTS, MPNGS