

## STREPTOCOCCUS AGALACTIAE SEARCH IN VAGINAL AND RECTAL SWABS

### MATERIAL NEEDED FOR COLLECTION

No. 1 collection kit consisting of container with transport medium and swab (cotton-type stick) provided by the collection center.



### DIRECTIONS AND METHOD OF COLLECTION

Home swabbing is recommended, following the following directions.

#### Vaginal-rectal swab

1. **Before performing any vaginal washings**, insert the swab (cotton-fioc-type stick) 2-3 cm into the vagina and rotate it to collect vaginal fluid.
2. Using the same swab, introduce it into the anus about 1 cm and rotate it.
3. Open the container by unscrewing the cap. **Be careful not to spill the liquid present inside the container.**
4. Insert the swab into the container containing the transport medium and break it at the red mark on the swab shaft.
5. Screw the cap back on.
6. Write biographical data (first name, last name and date of birth) on the container label.
7. **IMPORTANT:** Respect the sequence in which the swabs are performed.

Deliver the swab to the Collection Center **within 24 hours** after collection by storing it at room temperature (20-24°C).