

## STREPTOCOCCUS AGALACTIAE SEARCH IN VAGINAL AND RECTAL SWABS

### MATERIAL NEEDED FOR COLLECTION

No. 2 collection kits each consisting of a container with carrying medium (Amies) and swab (cotton swab type stick) provided by the collection center or can be purchased at the pharmacy.



### DIRECTIONS AND METHOD OF COLLECTION

Swabs can be performed independently by the patient, following the subsequent guidelines:

#### Vaginal Swab

1. Before performing any vaginal washings, insert the swab (cotton swab type stick) 2-3 cm into the vagina and rotate it to collect vaginal fluid.
2. Insert the swab into the container with the transport medium making sure that the cottony part is submerged in the gelatinous part (transport medium). The handle of the swab acts as a stopper for the container.
3. Write biographical data (first name, last name and date of birth) on the container label.

#### Rectal Swab

1. Insert the swab (cotton swab-type stick) about 1 cm into the anus and rotate it to make it dirty with feces.
2. Insert the swab into the container with the transport medium making sure that the cottony part is immersed in the gelatinous part (transport medium). The handle of the swab acts as a stopper for the container.
3. Write biographical data (first name, last name and date of birth) on the container label.

Deliver both swabs to the Collection Center within 24 hours after collection by storing them at room temperature (20-24°C).