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ISTRUZIONI FOR THE PATIENTS

VAGINAL SWAB

- Genital secretions should not be collected during the menstrual period and at least three days after the end of blood loss.
- Vaginal douches should not be performed and antibiotics should not be administered in the 5 days prior to the sampling.
- Refrain from sexual intercourse within 48 hours prior to the sampling.

STREPTOCOCCUS AGALACTIAE RESEARCH IN VAGINE-RECTAL BUFFER OF PREGNANT WOMEN

- Vaginal douches should not be performed and antibiotics should not be administered in the 5 days prior to the sampling.
- Refrain from sexual intercourse within 48 hours prior to the sampling.

VULVAR SWAB



- Genital secretions should not be collected during the menstrual period and at least three days after the end of blood loss.
- Vaginal douches should not be performed and antibiotics should not be administered in the 5 days prior to the sampling.
- Refrain from sexual intercourse within 48 hours prior to the sampling.
- Do not wash the affected area within 12 hours prior to the sampling.

ENDOCERVICAL SWAB

- Genital secretions should not be collected during the menstrual period and at least three days after the end of blood loss.
- Antibiotics should not be administered in the **30 days** (PCR/NAAT) or **5 days** (*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* culture) prior to the sampling.
- Refrain from sexual intercourse within 48 hours prior to the sampling.

URETHRAL SAMPLING

- Antibiotics should not be administered within **30 days** (PCR/NAAT) or **5 days** (culture) prior to the sampling.
- Refrain from sexual intercourse within 48 hours prior to the sampling.
- Sampling should be carried out in the morning before urination or, alternatively, two to three hours after the last urination.
- Concerning PCR/NAAT test
 - Get a sterile *wide mouth* container equipped with screw cap suitable for “urinocoltura”

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(urine culture).

- Write the patient's surname, first name, date of birth or paste the barcode label.
- Collect the first stream of urine in the morning or, alternatively, the second one (at least two to three hours after the last urination)
- Close carefully the container.