

Buccal Swab Collection Guide

Collection Precautions

- Ensure the swab tip does not come into contact with any surface prior to collection.
- Patient should **NOT** eat or drink within 30 minutes of sample collection.

STEP 1

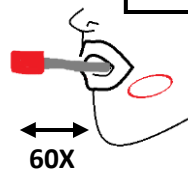
Open the package and remove the Dry Transport Tube with Swab inside.

- a. To get the swab out, carefully pull the top to get the collector out. Make sure you do not touch the swab tip (maintain the grip on the handle) (**Image 1**).
- b. Place the swab head as far back in the mouth as comfortable and rub along the outer edge of the lower gums. Gently rub along the gums **60 times**. This should take between **30 seconds** and **one minute** (**Image 2**). Avoid rubbing the swab tip against the teeth, if possible.

Image 1



Image 2



STEP 2

Carefully transfer the swab to the opposite side of the mouth. Repeat the procedure in Step 1, rubbing along the lower outer gum area an additional **60 times (30 seconds – one minute)**.

STEP 3

Remove the Swab from the mouth, being careful not to touch the teeth or any other surface, and insert the sample back into the transport tube by pushing down on the handle to secure the swab (**Image 3**). Label the tube with the sex (**M** for male and **F** for female) and include the date that the collection was performed on, no other labelling is necessary.

Image 3

