

Correct collection process is vital to receiving the most accurate NGS diagnostic results. Please follow the steps below.



BV/VAGINAL SAMPLE COLLECTION METHOD

For Women

Do's & Don'ts

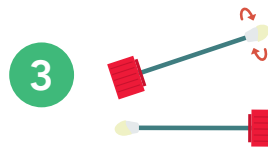
✓ **DO** - Clean the genital area with soap and water before collecting the sample.

✗ **DO NOT** - Use vaginal suppositories for 24 hours prior to collection.

✗ **DO NOT** - Take antibiotics. Patient must be off all antibiotics for 2 days prior to collection. This is optimal. However, if not possible, the test can still be run.



1 Clean the genital area with soap and water before collecting the sample.



3 Gently collect the specimen at the vaginal opening/center of the vagina in a circular motion starting near the center and working outwards. Move the swab over as much of the surface of the vaginal area as possible. **Be sure to repeat the process with the second swab.**



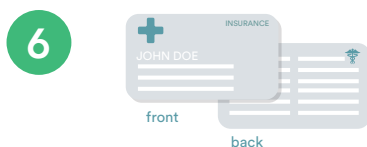
2 Twist the Red cap at dotted line to open the tube. Do not let your hands touch the swab past the break point.



4 Put **BOTH** swabs in the lab bag and tightly seal (See step 5 before you seal bag).



- Use a permanent marker to write name and collection date on small tube/vial.
- Please have the patient sign the lab requisition form accepting financial responsibility.



6 Submit patient face sheet and demographics with insurance information and both sides of a patient's insurance card.

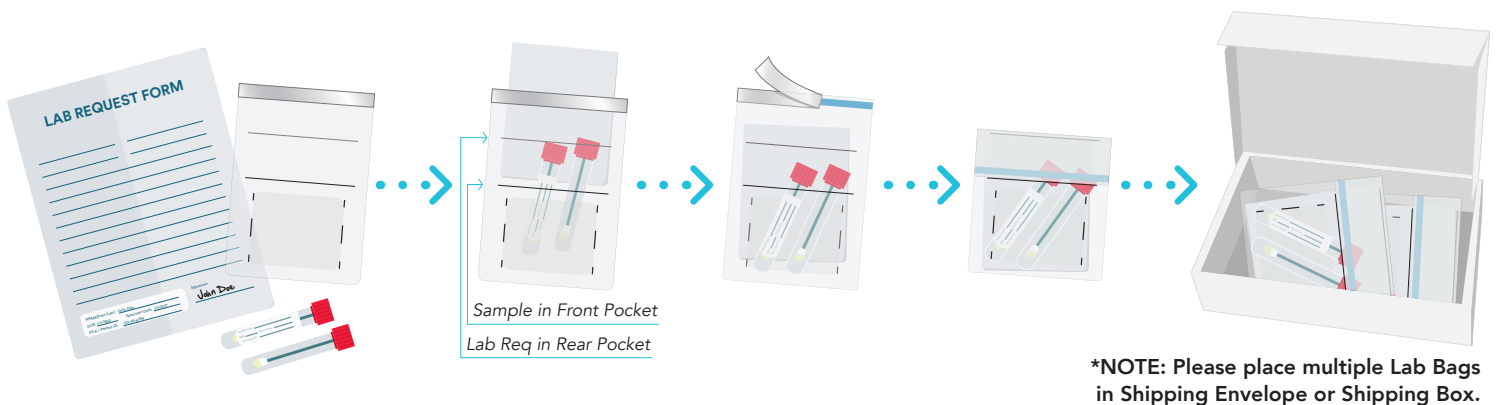
SEE SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS NEXT



PACKING SAMPLES FOR SHIPMENT

1. Place the Sample Container and Vials into the front pocket (between the black hash-lines) of Biohazard Lab Bag.
2. Place folded Lab Requisition Form into the back pocket of the Lab Bag.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Place only one Sample and one Lab Requisition in each Lab Bag.
4. Peel white strip off Lab Bag to expose adhesive backing and follow instructions printed on Bag to create a continuous, airtight seal.
5. Place the sealed Lab Bag into the Prepaid FedEx Shipping Box.
6. **You can add multiple completed lab bags into 1 FedEx Shipping carton.**

NOTE: More than one Lab Bag can be placed in the Shipping Box



3 CONVENIENT FEDEX SHIPPING METHODS

1. Drop into FedEx Dropbox including Kinkos FedEx locations
2. Call for pick up 1-800-GoFedEx (1-800-463-3339). Say "agent" twice to speak to agent. Let them know it's prepaid pick up.
3. Use our online "schedule a pick up" page at MicroGenDX.com.

When possible, retain your tracking number.

