



CERVIX/ENDOCERVIX SPECIMEN COLLECTION

For Bacterial Culture:

1. Visualize the cervix using a speculum without lubricant.
2. Wipe the cervix clean of vaginal secretions. (Can use warm water).
3. Gently compress the blades of the speculum. Rotate the swab to obtain exudates.
4. Collect discharge, if present, on culturette swab.
5. If no discharge, massage the urethra to obtain material on a culturette swab or use a transurethral swab (insert 2 cm into urethra).

For Viral Cultures (including Herpes):

1. Obtain viral transport media.
2. If lesions are present, swab vigorously.
3. If lesions are not present:
 - a. Swab the endocervix with sufficient force to obtain epithelial cells.
 - b. Inoculate transport media.