

GETTING STARTED

Vigorous swabbing of lesion specimens maximizes the probability of achieving accurate diagnostic results. Specimens that do not contain enough human DNA may lead to inconclusive or invalid PCR test results; inconclusive and invalid results will be invoiced.

STEP 1:

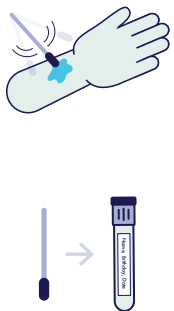
PREP



1. Layout all the contents of your kit.
2. Fill out the patient information on your requisition form and on the transport tube.
IMPORTANT: The name on the requisition form and transport tube MUST match. Unlabeled or mismatched specimens will be rejected.
3. Do not clean the lesion with ethanol or any other disinfectant prior to swabbing.

STEP 2:

COLLECT



1. Hold the swab with a firm grasp. Avoid touching the swab shaft at least two inches before the tip.
2. Apply firm pressure (generally firm enough so that the swab shaft, if plastic, may bend slightly). This may result in discomfort or slight pain, but it is necessary to obtain adequate DNA.
3. If lesion ruptures while swabbing, ensure that swab collects lesion fluid.
4. Vigorously swipe the swab back and forth on the lesion surface at least 5 times then rotate and repeat on the other side of the swab at least 5 times.
5. When finished swabbing, immediately place the swab into the labeled transport tube, making sure the swab head is in the transport media at the bottom of the tube.
6. Snap off the shaft of the swab at the perforation and seal it. Ensure the lid is on tightly as any leaked samples will not be processed due to exposure concerns.

Quick Tips:

- If lesion ruptures while swabbing, ensure that swab collects lesion fluid.
- If material is visible on the swab surface (such as skin material or from lesion fluid that is leaking from the lesion), this is indicative of an adequate collection. Although please note that material may not always be visible on swabs.

STEP 3:

RETURN



1. Place the sealed transport tube into the biohazard bag.
2. Place the biohazard bag and requisition form with all patient and specimen information filled out into the return shipping kit, and send it back to us.