

# Collection

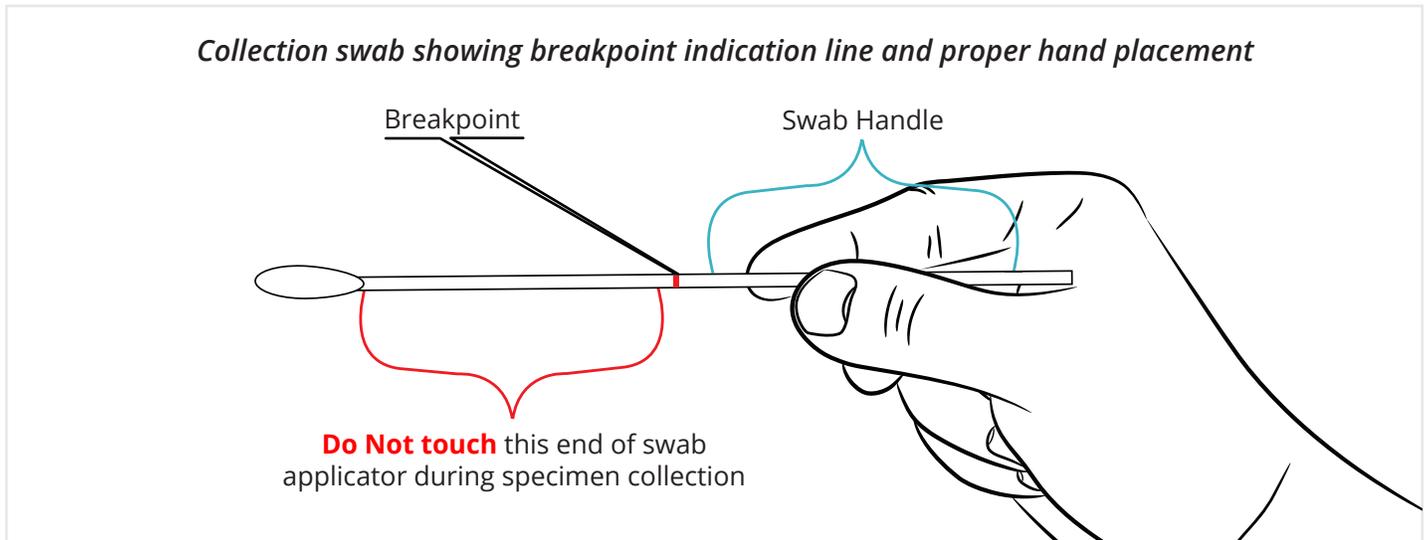
## Wound Sample



**\*Do not use any antiseptic agent on the wound before collecting the sample.**

**Avoid getting any lidocaine gel on the swab.**

1. Using normal saline and gauze, clean then area to remove dead debris.



2. Gloves should be changed to reduce the risk of contaminating the swab.
3. Open the collection kit being careful not to touch the swab below the breakpoint.  
Reference: <https://bit.ly/2QbYnxZ>
4. While applying moderate pressure, swab the advancing margin of the wound. Roll the swab to ensure adequate specimen collection. Avoid contact with any surface other than the wound.
5. Unscrew the cap on the vial containing transport medium and place the swab into the transport medium; all the way to the bottom of the tube.
6. Holding the shaft of the swab close to the rim of the tube, break the swab shaft at the pre-molded breakpoint.
7. Screw on the cap and dispose of the swab shaft.
8. Label the transport tube with one of the provided labels.
9. The collected sample can be stored at room temperature or refrigerated.

### Storage of collection kits:

Kits should be stored at **2-25°C (36-77°F)**. Avoid freezing and excessive heat.

# Specimen Packaging & Shipping Instructions

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### **Specimen Shipping Supplies:**

Transport Box with adhesive closure  
UPS Laboratory Pak  
Shipping Label  
Saturday Delivery Label

### **Specimen Collection Supplies:**

Collection Swab w/ Transport Vial  
Tube Label  
Requisition Form  
Biohazard Bag

### **Packaging and Shipping Instructions:**

1. Complete requisition form and place in outside pocket of biohazard bag
2. Perform swab collection
3. Write patient name, DOB, and collection site on the label.
4. Place label on the transport tube.
5. Put specimen tube in biohazard bag.
6. Place biohazard bags containing samples in the provided transport box
7. Seal the transport box
8. Place the sealed box into the provided UPS Laboratory Pak, and place the shipping label on the Lab Pak. If sample will be delivered on a Saturday, affix the Saturday Delivery sticker to the Lab Pak as well.

Please schedule a UPS pickup by calling **Ipsum Diagnostics** at **678-915-2299**.

A pickup may be pre scheduled before the date of specimen collection or as early as possible on the date of collection.

Friday shipments must be arranged directly with Ipsum Diagnostics these require a special "Saturday Delivery" label.