

# SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

## Group B *Streptococcus* or GBS

According to 2010 CDC recommendations, both the lower vagina and the rectum through the anal sphincter should be sampled to increase the detection of GBS colonization.

### Indications

For the detection of GBS in pregnant women between 35-37 weeks gestation.

### Specimen Required

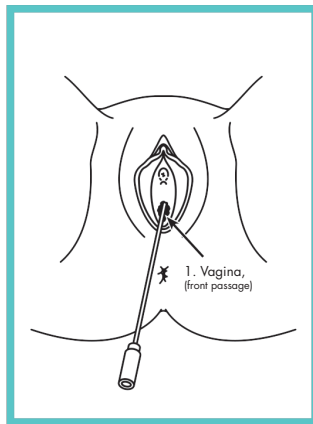
Approved swab with collection from the lower vagina and rectum through the anal sphincter.

### Supplies

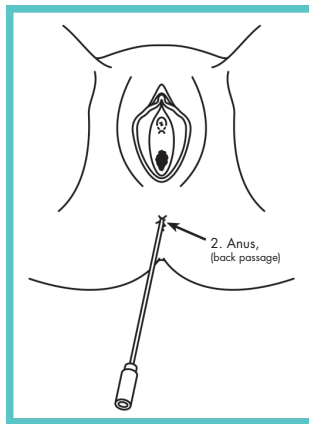
- eSwab, liquid Amies or Stuart's media collection swab

## Specimen Collection:

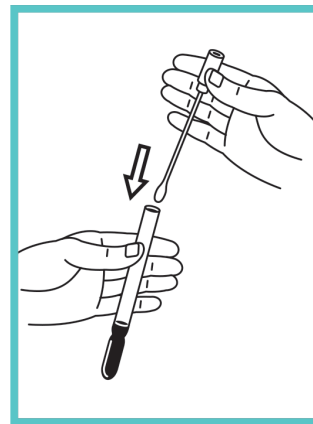
*images courtesy of the CDC*



**1.** Remove swab from packaging. Insert swab 2cm into vagina, (front passage). Do not touch cotton end with fingers.



**2.** Insert the **same** swab 1cm into anus, (back passage).



**3.** After collection, carefully replace swab in container and label appropriately.

Please label the swab container with the patient's first and last name, second unique identifier, and the time of collec-