# **Sample suspension instructions for** Copan FLOQSwabs<sup>®</sup> for vaginal self-collection (552C.RM)



The following sample suspension instructions for self-collected sample using Copan FLOQSwabs<sup>®</sup> for vaginal self-collection (552C.RM) are from the **cobas<sup>®</sup>** HPV Test IFU (P/N 05641268001) and **cobas<sup>®</sup>** HPV IFU (P/N 09199578001).

### Self-collected sample must be placed into medium after sample has been collected.

- Read all instructions before starting sample suspension.
- For sample collection, follow the collection device manufacturer's Instructions for use.
- Once the sample has been collected, continue with the following instructions to preserve the sample:

### Handle the collected sample with care



**1. Carefully** uncap the vial containing medium and place it on a stable, flat surface.



2. Slowly pull the FLOQSwab cap off to remove the swab from the tube. Minimize touching the inner walls of the tube as you remove the FLOQSwab.



4. Holding onto the vial, swirl the FLOQSwab along the inner vial wall for 20 seconds while ensuring the swab remains immersed in the medium. Be careful not to splash.

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**5.** Carefully draw the FLOQSwab up along the inner vial wall until the tip is no longer immersed in the medium. **Hold the tip against the inner vial wall to drain fluid** off of the swab. Place the FLOQSwab into the tube and discard.



**3. Hold** the vial with one hand then with the other hand place the FLOQSwab tip into the vial until the FLOQSwab **tip is fully immersed in the medium** and **touching the bottom** of the vial.

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6. Re-cap the vial and tighten until the lines on the cap and vial meet or slightly overlap to prevent leakage. Store upright.

7. The sample can now be processed with the **cobas**<sup>®</sup> 4800 HPV Test or **cobas**<sup>®</sup> HPV.





**FLOQSwab/Swab:** The self-collection device used to collect sample.

**Tube:** A protective container that the selfcollected device will come in and can be used to temporarily store the collection device after the sample has been collected.

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**Vial:** A container which contains 20 mL of clear solution. The specimen you collect will need to be transferred into this container and this container will be sent to the lab for processing.

**Medium:** What the liquid that comes in the vial is called.

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