

## ANAL SWAB COLLECT FOR ESBL, CPE, CPO, FREC AND/OR VRE SCREENING

**IMPORTANT – Specimen labelling and delivery:** Ensure full first and last names, date of birth (dd/mm/yy), date of collection, and swab site (anal) are clearly written on the specimen tube. Return labelled swab (+/- request form) in the provided biohazard bag to the collection centre reception as soon as possible after specimen collection.

**Swabbing procedure:** please read the steps below and follow them in order.

1. Wash your hands with soap and water.



2. Open the swab package.



3. Without removing the tube from the package, take off the white cap. Discard the cap.



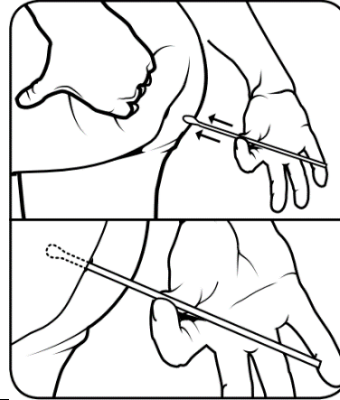
4. Remove the swab from the package. Do not touch the soft tip or lay swab down.



5. Get into a position that gives you the easiest access to your anus.



6. Push the swab about 4 cm inside. Gently move the swab in a circle 2 or 3 times, touching the walls of your anus – **ensure faecal (brown) staining is present on the swab.**



7. Place the swab into the tube (with the gel at the bottom).



8. Wash your hands with soap and water.



9. Remove the tube from the package and label with your full name, date of birth, date of collection, and swab site (anal).

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