Instructions for Use of Flocked Swabs

1. Instructions and Intended Use

Proper specimen collection is critical for rapid and accurate diagnosis of clinical specimens. Individually wrapped flocked swabs are sterile, ready-to-use devices for the collection of clinical samples.

Our flocked swabs feature nylon fibers that optimize specimen collection and elution into transport media. The swabs also feature a molded breakpoint that allows you to safely and easily break off the swab stick, and several breakpoint options are available for different tubes.

2. Application Direction

- Peel open sterile pouch.
- Remove swab and ensure the applicator tip only touches the suspected infectious area to minimize potential contamination.
- Swab should be processed immediately according to internal laboratory instructions.
- Alternatively, swab may be placed in a sterile tube marked with patient information and transferred to laboratory for microbiological analysis.
- The used swabs must be disposed of according to laboratory regulations for infectious waste.

3. Storage and Stability

Store the flocked swabs at dry and dark place in room temperature (2-30°C).Use before the expiration date which is clearly printed on the product unit. The shelf life of swabs is 3 years.

4. Usage Precautions

- For single use only, re-use may cause a risk of infection and/or inaccurate results.
- Do not re-sterilize.
- The use of this product in conjunction with a rapid diagnostic test or instrument should be validated by the user.
- Do not apply excessive force when collecting swab samples from patients as it may result in unintended breakage of the swab handle.
- All clinical specimens may contain infectious microorganism and should be handled with care. Appropriate protective equipment should be worn. Laboratory and biosafety guidelines should be followed when handling a clinical specimen.
- Swabs should not be used if peel pouch is damaged or if expiration date printed on label has passed.

- To be handled by trained personnel only.

5. Quality Assurance

CITOTEST certifies that the product identified above, inspected to be in compliance with product quality specification and requirements as documented in our ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System, and conforms to the essential requirements of the European Medical Devices Directive 93/42 EEC.

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