

ABSTRACT

SWAB ASSEMBLY FOR SPECIMEN COLLECTION

A swab assembly for collecting a specimen from a urethra includes an elongated shaft and a sheath defining a lumen, wherein at least a portion of the elongated shaft is disposed within the sheath lumen, the sheath being sized and shaped for insertion into a human urethra. A compressible collection tip is coupled to the distal end of the elongated shaft and configured for obtaining the specimen, wherein the collection tip is configured to be compressed and positioned entirely within the sheath lumen during insertion of the sheath into the urethra, and wherein the collection tip expands when the collection tip is exposed out of the sheath lumen when the sheath is positioned at or near a specimen collection site within the urethra.

(Figure 4)