

# Used Ring Collection for PrEP Ring Seroconverters

## Instructions for Used Ring Collection

JOB AID  
VERSION 1.0  
JANUARY 2023

Prior to ring collection, please ensure that the participant is enrolled in the HIV Drug Resistance study and that blood has been collected as per study protocol.

1

At the time of confirmation of HIV infection, ask the client if they are wearing the ring and reconfirm their willingness to provide it for research. If yes, provide the client with an empty clean container. Ask them to remove the ring in a private room and place the used ring in the container. Write the client's PrEP identifier on the container.



2

Write the client's PrEP identifier and date of ring collection on the provided sticker. Affix the sticker to the outside of the sealable plastic bag that will be used for ring storage.

*For confidentiality, do NOT write the client's name anywhere on the study materials.*



3

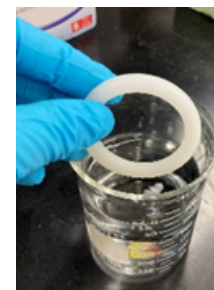
Wash your hands with soap and water; put on gloves once your hands are dry.



4

Add clean tap or bottled water to the container to rinse the ring.

Move the ring around in the water or swirl the container to remove vaginal material.\*



5

Take the ring out of the water and blot it dry with paper towels or gauze.\*



6

Ensure the ring is fully dry before placing it in the sealable plastic bag provided in the collection kit.



7

Dispose of blotting materials and contaminated water according to your facility's biohazard policy.



8

Store the sealable plastic bag that holds the used ring at room temperature until it is shipped—along with the dried blood spot samples, case report form, and laboratory requisition form—to the testing lab in the provided envelope.

