

Aptima[®] vaginal swab device

Clinician collection procedure guide

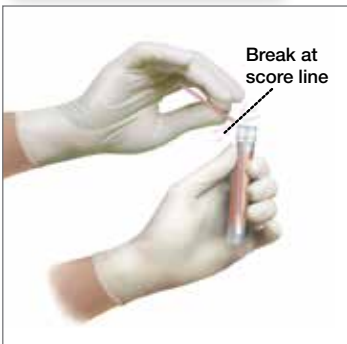
Collection for vaginal swab specimens



Partially open swab package and remove the swab. Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down. **If the soft tip is touched, laid down, or dropped, discard and get a new Aptima vaginal swab specimen collection kit.** Hold swab, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft covering the black score line. Do not hold the swab shaft below the score line.



Carefully insert swab into vagina about 2 inches (5 cm) past the introitus and gently rotate the swab for 10 to 30 seconds. Make sure the swab touches the vagina walls so that moisture is absorbed by the swab. Withdraw swab without touching the skin.



While holding the swab in hand, unscrew the tube cap. Do not spill tube contents. **If the tube contents are spilled, discard and replace with a new Aptima vaginal swab specimen collection kit.** Immediately place swab into transport tube so the black score line is at the top of the tube. Align the score line with the top edge of the tube and carefully break swab shaft. Swab will drop to bottom of the vial. Discard the top portion of the swab shaft.



Tightly screw cap onto tube.



Swab specimen collection guide for:

- *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT)
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC)
- *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV)

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