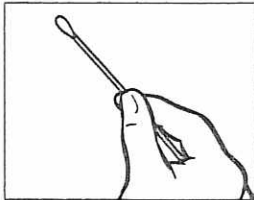


# Clinician-Collection Procedure Guide

## Vaginal Swab Device

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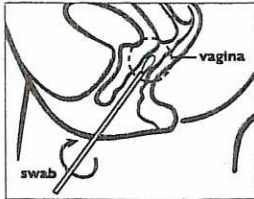
### Collection for Vaginal Swab Specimens



Partially open swab package. Do not touch the soft tip or lay 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. Do not hold the swab shaft below the score line.

#### SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION GUIDE FOR:

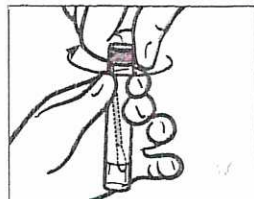
- *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT)
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC)
- *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV)



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 and withdraw swab without touching the skin.



While holding swab in hand, unscrew the tube cap. Do not spill tube contents. If the tube contents are spilled, discard and get a new APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit. Immediately place swab into transport tube so that the tip of the swab is visible below tube label. Carefully break swab shaft at the score line against the side of the tube. Immediately discard top portion of swab shaft.



Tightly screw cap onto tube.

### Specimen Transport and Storage

- Vaginal swab specimens must be transported to the laboratory in the provided swab specimen transport medium and tube.
- Vaginal swab specimens must be transported to the laboratory at 2°C to 30°C and tested within 60 days of collection.
- If longer storage is needed, freeze at -20°C to -70°C for up to 12 months after collection.

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