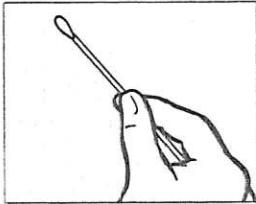


Collection Procedure Guide

Unisex Swab Device – Female

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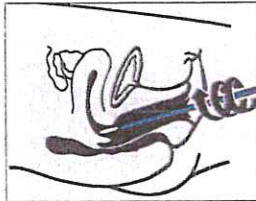
Collection for Endocervical Swab Specimens



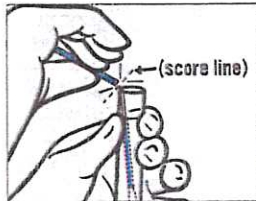
Use cleaning swab (white shaft swab with red printing) to remove excess mucus from cervical os and surrounding mucosa. **Discard this swab.***

SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION GUIDE FOR:

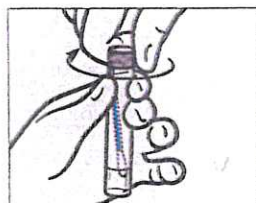
- *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT)
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC)
- *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV)



Insert collection swab (blue shaft swab with green printing) into endocervical canal. Gently rotate swab clockwise for 10 to 30 seconds to ensure adequate sampling. Withdraw swab carefully; avoid any contact with vaginal mucosa.



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 Unisex swab transport tube.** Immediately place swab into transport tube so that the tip of the swab is visible below tube label. Carefully break swabs shaft at the score line against the side of the tube. Discard top portion of swab shaft.



Re-cap swab specimen transport tube tightly.

Specimen Transport and Storage

- After collection, transport and store swab in swab specimen transport tube at 2°C to 30°C until tested.
- Specimens must be assayed with the APTIMA assay for CT and/or GC within 60 days of collection.
- If longer storage is needed, freeze at -20°C to -70°C for up to 12 months after collection.

*A large-tipped cleaning swab (not provided) may be used to remove excess mucus.

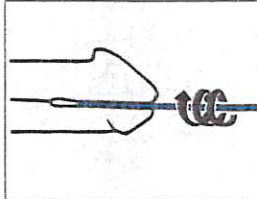
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Collection Procedure Guide Unisex Swab Device – Male

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Collection for Male Urethral Swab Specimens

Patient should not have urinated for at least 1 hour prior to specimen collection.

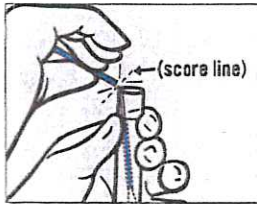


Discard cleaning swab (white shaft with red print on label).
The cleaning swab if NOT needed for male specimen collection.

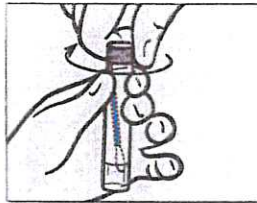
Insert specimen collection swab (blue shaft swab in package with green printing) 2 cm to 4 cm into urethra. Gently rotate swab clockwise for 2 to 3 seconds in urethra to ensure adequate sampling. Withdraw swab carefully.

SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION GUIDE FOR:

- *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT)
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC)



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 Unisex swab transport tube.** Immediately place swab into transport tube so that the tip of the swab is visible below tube label. Carefully break swab's shaft at the score line against the side of the tube. Discard top portion of swab shaft.



Re-cap swab specimen transport tube tightly.

Specimen Transport and Storage

- After collection, transport and store swab in swab specimen transport tube at 2°C to 30°C until tested.
- Specimens must be assayed with the APTIMA assay for CT and/or GC 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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