

# Aptima® Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit

## Female collection procedure guide



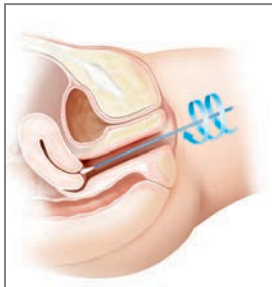
### Collection for endocervical swab specimens



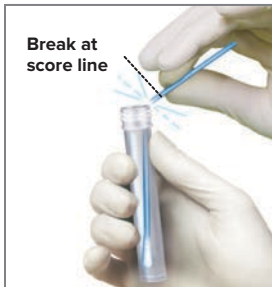
Use cleaning swab (white shaft swab with red printing) to remove excess mucus from cervical os and surrounding mucosa. Discard this swab.

#### Swab specimen collection guide for:

- *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT)
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (NG)
- *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 help 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 replace with a new Aptima unisex swab transport tube.** Carefully break the swab 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 the unisex specimen transport tube between 2°C to 30°C until tested.
- Specimens must be assayed with the Aptima assay for CT/NG and/or TV within 60 days of collection.
- If longer storage is needed, freeze between -20°C to -70°C for up to 12 months after collection in the Aptima unisex specimen transport tube.

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