

# Aptima® Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit

## Collection procedure guide

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Swab specimen collection guide for:

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



### 1. Preparing to collect swab (regardless of source)



Partially open the 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 Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit.**

Hold the swab, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of the shaft covering the black score line. **Do not hold the shaft below the score line.**

### 2. Collection of specimens: VAGINAL - clinician or patient self-collection



Carefully insert the swab into the 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 vaginal walls so that moisture is absorbed by the swab. Withdraw the swab without touching the skin.



### 2. Collection of specimens: THROAT or RECTAL (Chlamydia & Gonorrhea only - Not for Trichomonas testing)

**THROAT:** Carefully insert the swab into the mouth, touching the tonsils on both sides of the throat (unless they have been removed) and the back of the throat. Remove the swab without touching the cheeks or tongue.

**RECTUM:** Carefully insert the swab 1-2 inches into the rectum and gently rotate for 5-10 seconds. Remove the swab without touching the surrounding skin.

### 3. Processing the swab (regardless of source)



While holding the swab in hand, unscrew the tube cap. Do not spill the tube contents. **If the tube contents are spilled, discard and replace with a new Aptima Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit.**

Immediately place the swab into the 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 the shaft. The swab will drop to the bottom of the vial. Discard the top portion of the shaft. **\*\* Visually inspect the transport tube to confirm the swab is broken at the score line. (See diagrams below.) \*\***

**Improper sample collection will result in specimen rejection.**

Tightly screw the cap onto the tube.

When collecting multiple specimens from the same patient, the tube label provides a specimen source field for unique identification for the specimen location.

#### REJECT ❌

**DO NOT break above the score line.**



**DO NOT cut.**



**DO NOT hold in hand.**

