

Aptima® Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit

Collection procedure guide: Female endocervix

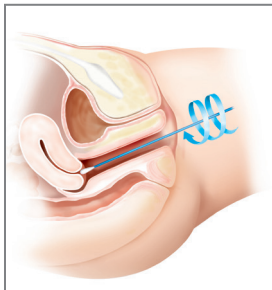
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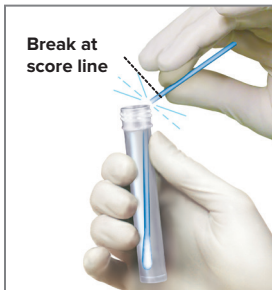
Collection for endocervical swab specimens



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



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.



Break at score line

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. Visually inspect the side and bottom of the transport tube to ensure correct sample type. (See diagrams below.)



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.

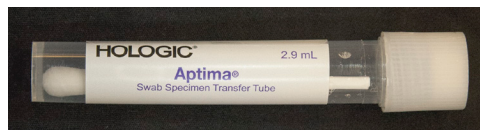
Specimens must be assayed with the Aptima assay for CT/NG within 60 days of collection.

Swab specimen collection guide for:

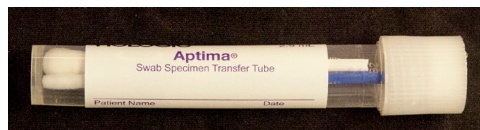
- *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT)
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (NG)
- *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV)



One blue swab
= **ACCEPT**



One white swab
= **REJECT**



Two swabs
= **REJECT**