

Aptima[®] Multitest Swab Kit

VAGINAL SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION

- 1. Partially peel open the swab package (PICTURE 1) and remove the swab
 - > Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down
- 2. Hold the swab by placing your thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft covering the black score line (PICTURE 2)
 - > Do not hold the swab below the black score line
- Carefully insert the swab into the vagina about 2 inches (5 cm) past the introitus (PICTURE 3) and gently rotate the swab for 10-30 seconds
 - Make sure the swab touches the vaginal walls so that moisture is absorbed by the swab
- 4. Withdraw the swab without touching the skin
- 5. While holding the swab in the hand, unscrew the cap from the tube (PICTURE 4)
- 6. Place the swab into the transport tube so that the black score line is at the top of the tube (PICTURE 5)
- 7. Carefully break the swab shaft at the black score line against the side of the tube (PICTURE 6)
- 8. The swab will drop to the bottom of the vial. Discard the top portion of the swab shaft (PICTURE 7)
- 9. Tightly screw the cap onto the tube (PICTURE 8).
- 10. Ensure tube is labeled appropriately with 2 patient identifiers, and the specimen source. Submit with a completed lab requisition.





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RECTAL SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION

- 1. Partially peel open the swab package (PICTURE 1) and remove the swab
 - > Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down
- 2. Hold the swab by placing your thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft covering the black score line (PICTURE 2)
 - Do not hold the swab below the black score line
- Carefully insert the swab into the rectum about 1-2 inches (3-5 cm) past the outside of the anus and gently rotate the swab for 5-10 seconds (PICTURE 3)
- 4. Withdraw the swab without touching the skin
- 5. While holding the swab in the same hand, unscrew the cap from the tube (PICTURE 4)
- 6. Place the swab into the transport tube so that the black score line is at the top of the tube (PICTURE 5)
- 7. Carefully break the swab shaft at the black score line against the side of the tube (PICTURE 6)
- 8. The swab will drop to the bottom of the vial. Discard the top portion of the swab shaft (PICTURE 7)
- 9. Tightly screw the cap onto the tube (PICTURE 8)
- 10. Ensure the tube is labeled appropriately with 2 patient identifiers, and the specimen source





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THROAT SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION

- 1. Partially peel open the swab package (PICTURE 1) and remove the swab
 - > Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down
- 2. Hold the swab by placing your thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft covering the black score line (PICTURE 2)
 - Do not hold the swab below the black score line
- 3. Carefully insert the swab into the patient's wide open mouth, ensuring contact with the back of the throat and (if present) tonsils on both sides (PICTURE 3)
- 4. Withdraw the swab without touching the inside of the cheeks or tongue
- 5. While holding the swab in the same hand, unscrew the cap from the tube (PICTURE 4)
- 6. Place the swab into the transport tube so that the black score line is at the top of the tube (**PICTURE 5**)
- 7. Carefully break the swab shaft at the black score line against the side of the tube (PICTURE 6)
- 8. The swab will drop to the bottom of the vial. Discard the top portion of the swab shaft (PICTURE 7)
- 9. Tightly screw the cap onto the tube (PICTURE 8)
- 10. Ensure tube is labeled appropriately with 2 patient identifiers, and the specimen source





Aptima[®] Unisex Swab Kit

ENDOCERVICAL SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION

- 1. Use the <u>white</u> cleaning swab (**PICTURE 1**) to remove excess mucus from cervical os and surrounding mucosa. Discard this swab.
- 2. Insert <u>blue</u> collection swab into endocervical canal. Gently rotate swab for 10 to 30 seconds. Withdraw swab; avoid contact with vaginal mucosa. (PICTURE 2)
 - If the soft tip is touched, laid down, or dropped, discard and get a new Aptima Unisex Swab Specimen Collection Kit.
- 3. While holding the swab in the same hand, unscrew the cap from the tube (PICTURE 3)
- 4. Place the swab into the transport tube so that the black score line is at the top of the tube (PICTURE 4)
- Carefully break the swab shaft at the black score line against the side of the tube (PICTURE 5)
- 6. The swab will drop to the bottom of the vial. Discard the top portion of the swab shaft
- 7. Tightly screw the cap onto the tube (PICTURE 6)
- 8. Ensure tube is labeled appropriately with 2 patient identifiers, and the specimen source. Submit with a completed lab requisition.













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PENILE MEATAL SPECIMEN COLLECTION

- 1. Partially peel open the swab package (PICTURE 1) and remove the swab
 - > Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down
- 2. Hold the swab by placing your thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft covering the black score line (PICTURE 2)
 - > Do not hold the swab below the black score line
- 3. See **PICTURE 3** if the patient is circumcised (no foreskin) or **PICTURE 4** if they are not circumcised. In uncircumcised men, roll the foreskin down before starting
- 4. Hold the penis with your free hand (hand with no swab). Using your other hand (with the swab), roll the swab just at the tip or outside the urethral opening
 - Be sure to roll the swab completely around the opening to the get the best sample. It is not necessary to put the swab deep inside the opening of the penis
- 5. While holding the swab in the same hand, unscrew the cap from the tube (PICTURE 5)
- 6. Place the swab into the transport tube so that the black score line is at the top of the tube (**PICTURE 6**)
- 7. Carefully break the swab shaft at the black score line against the side of the tube (PICTURE 7)
- 8. The swab will drop to the bottom of the vial. Discard the top portion of the swab shaft (PICTURE 8)
- 9. Tightly screw the cap onto the tube (PICTURE 9)
- 10. Ensure tube is labeled appropriately with 2 patient identifiers, and the specimen source

