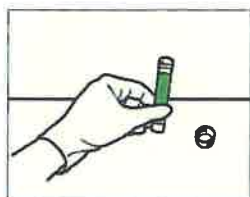


Collection Procedure Guide

Specimen Transfer from ThinPrep® Vial

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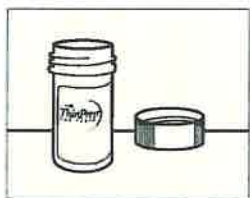
The Aptima specimen transfer kit is for use with Aptima assays. Put on clean gloves and clean the work area; change into clean gloves prior to processing each sample.



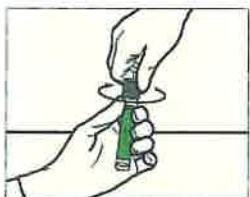
Uncap the Aptima specimen transfer tube, placing the cap with the threads facing up on a clean surface.

THINPREP SAMPLE PROCESSING GUIDE FOR:

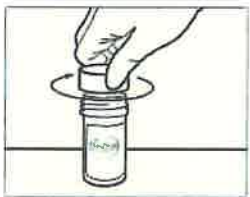
- *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT)
- *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC)
- *Trichomonas vaginalis* (TV)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)



Vortex the ThinPrep vial for 3 to 10 seconds. Uncap the vial and place the cap on the bench with threads facing up. Within 1 minute of vortexing, transfer 1 mL of the ThinPrep liquid cytology specimen into the Aptima transfer tube.



Re-cap the specimen transfer tube tightly and invert gently 2 to 3 times to ensure complete mixture of the sample.



Re-cap the ThinPrep liquid cytology specimen vial.

Specimen Transport and Storage

- Gynecological specimens may be stored in the ThinPrep liquid cytology vial for at least 30 days at 2°C to 30°C, prior to transfer to the Aptima specimen transfer tube.
- The Aptima specimen transfer tube may be stored at 2°C to 30°C for at least 14 days prior to testing.
- Refer to the appropriate Aptima assay package insert for additional storage and handling information.

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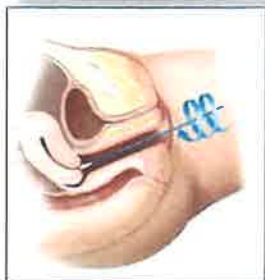
Aptima® unisex swab kit

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.



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.



Re-cap swab specimen transport tube tightly.

Swab specimen collection guide for:

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

Specimen Transport and Storage

- After collection, transport and store swab in unisex specimen transport tube between 2°C to 30°C until tested.
- Specimens must be assayed with the Aptima assay for CT, GC 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 assay for CT and/or GC. For the Aptima assay for TV, freeze at < -20°C for up to 12 months.

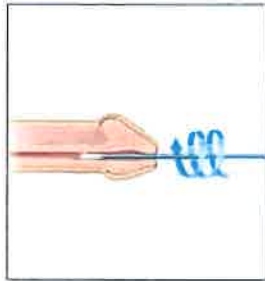


Aptima® unisex swab device

Male collection procedure guide

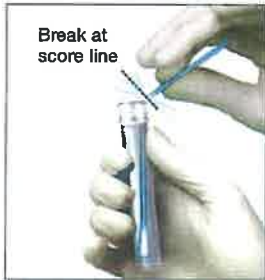
Collection for male urethral swab specimens

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 is NOT needed for male specimen collection.

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



Break at score line

While holding swab in hand, unscrew tube cap. Do not spill tube contents. **If 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 unisex specimen transport tube between 2°C to 30°C until tested.
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Swab specimen collection guide for:

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



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Aptima® unisex swab

Specimen processing guide

Improper sample collection will result
in sample rejection.

Swab specimen processing guide for:

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



One blue swab = **ACCEPT**



White swab = **REJECT**



Two swabs = **REJECT**

Visually inspect the side and bottom of the transport tube
to ensure correct sample type.

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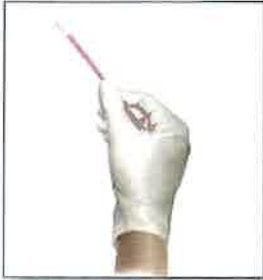
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Aptima® vaginal swab device

Clinician collection procedure guide

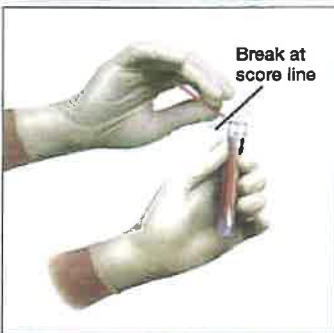
Collection for vaginal swab specimens



Partially open 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 vaginal swab specimen collection kit.** Hold swab, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft covering the black score line. Do not hold the swab shaft below the score line.



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



While holding the 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 vaginal swab specimen collection kit.** Immediately place swab into 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 swab shaft. Swab will drop to bottom of the vial. Discard the top portion of the swab shaft.



Tightly screw cap onto tube.

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Aptima® urine collection kit

Collection procedure guide

Collection for male and female urine specimens

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



Direct patient to provide **first-catch** urine (approximately 20 to 30 mL of initial urine stream) into urine collection cup free of any preservatives. Collection of larger volumes of urine may result in specimen dilution that may reduce test sensitivity. Female patients should not cleanse labial area prior to providing specimen.



Remove cap from urine specimen transport tube and transfer 2 mL of urine into urine specimen transport tube using the disposable pipette provided. The correct volume of urine has been added when the fluid level is between the black fill lines on urine specimen transport tube label.



Re-cap urine specimen transport tube tightly. This is now known as the "processed urine specimen."

Urine specimen collection guide for:

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



Specimen transport and storage

- After collection, transport and store processed urine specimens in the Aptima urine specimen transport tube between 2°C to 30°C until tested.
- Processed urine specimens should be assayed with the Aptima assay for CT, GC and/or TV within 30 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 assay for CT and/or GC. For the Aptima assay for TV, freeze at < -20°C for up to 12 months.
- Urine samples still in primary collection container must be transported to the lab between 2°C to 30°C.
- Transfer urine sample into Aptima urine specimen transport tube within 24 hours of collection.
- Store between 2°C to 30°C and test within 30 days of collection.

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