





# Vaginal Swab Chlamydia/ Gonorrhoea

## Patient Collection of APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimens for Chlamydia trachomatis (CT) and Neisseria Gonorrhoeae (GC)

Wash your hands before starting.

If you have any questions about this procedure, please ask your doctor, nurse or care provider.

### Collection Instructions:

Step 1.	Partially peel open swab package. Do not touch the soft tip or lay swab down. If the soft tip is touched, swab is laid down or swapped, request new APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit.	<p><b>Diagram 1</b></p> 
Step 2.	Remove swab.	
Step 3.	Hold swab shown in Diagram 1, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft.	<p><b>Diagram 2</b></p> 
Step 4.	Carefully insert swab into the inside opening of the vagina, about two inches (as shown in Diagram 2), and gently rotate swab for about 10 to 30 seconds. Make sure swab touches the walls of the vagina so that moisture is absorbed by the swab.	
Step 5.	Withdraw swab without touching skin.	<p><b>Diagram 3</b></p> 
Step 6.	While holding swab in hand, unscrew the tube cap. Do not spill tube contents. If the tube contents are spilled, request new APTIMA Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection Kit.	
Step 7.	Immediately place swab into transport tube so that the tip of the swab is visible below tube label.	<p><b>Diagram 4</b></p> 
Step 8.	Carefully break swab shaft at the score line against the side of the tube as shown in Diagram 3.	
Step 9.	Tightly screw cap onto the tube as shown in Diagram 4. Return tube as instructed by care provider.	