

# Aptima<sup>®</sup> vaginal swab device

## Patient collection procedure guide

### Collection for vaginal swab specimens

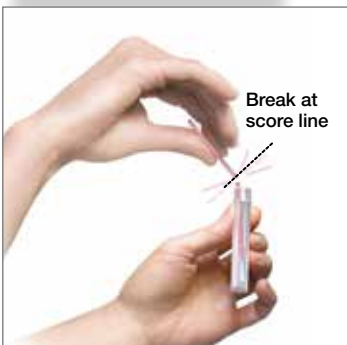


**Wash hands before starting. If you have any questions about this procedure, please ask your doctor, nurse, or care provider.**

Partially peel 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, request a new Aptima vaginal swab specimen collection kit.** Hold swab, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft over the black score line.



Carefully insert swab into the opening of the vagina, about two inches, and gently rotate swab for 10 to 30 seconds. Make sure swab touches the walls of the vagina so that moisture is absorbed by the swab. Withdraw swab without touching skin.



While holding the swab in your hand, unscrew the tube cap. Do not spill tube contents. **If the tube contents are spilled, request 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.  
Return tube as instructed by the care provider.

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