



## HOLOGIC APTIMA MULTITEST VAGINAL SWAB SPECIMEN COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS

**Please read all instructions before starting your collection.**

Wash hands before collection. If you have any questions about this procedure, please ask your healthcare provider before you proceed.

1. Partially open the swab package and carefully remove the swab from the package. Be careful not to touch the tip of the swab or to lay the swab down.
2. Hold the swab at the middle of the black score line using your thumb and forefinger. Do not hold the swab below or above the black line.
3. Avoid contact with skin. Carefully insert the cotton tip of the swab about two inches into the opening of the vagina and gently rotate for 10–30 seconds. Make sure the entire circumference of the swab touches the sides of the vagina. The swab must be moist after collection. Gently remove the swab ensuring it does not touch the skin.
4. While holding the swab in your hand, remove the cap from the test tube. Do not spill the contents of the tube. **DO NOT PUNCTURE THE FOIL.** If tube contents are spilled, request a new collection kit.
5. Place the swab into the tube aligning the black score line with the top of the tube.
6. Break the swab shaft at the black score line and leave the cotton end of the swab in the container.
7. Discard the top portion of the swab.
8. Tightly screw the cap onto the tube. Deliver the tube with the swab to the lab as instructed by your healthcare provider.

