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APTIMA swabs for Chlamydia / Gonorrhoea

Penile Meatal Sample Collection using Aptima® Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit

Wash hands before starting.



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 Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit.** Hold the swab, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft over the black score line.



Hold the penis with your free hand (hand with no swab). If you are uncircumcised (image 2A), you will have to roll the foreskin down before collection. Using your other hand (with the swab), roll the swab just at the tip or outside the opening to the penis through which you pass urine (pee) (image 2B). Be sure to roll the swab completely around the opening to get the best sample. It is not necessary to put the swab deep inside the opening of the penis.



Break at score line



While holding the swab in the same hand, unscrew the cap from the tube. Do not spill tube contents. **If the tube contents are spilled, request a new Aptima Multitest 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. The 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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Vaginal Swab Sample Collection using Aptima® Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit

Wash hands before starting.



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 Multitest Swab Specimen Collection Kit.** Hold the 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 Multitest 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. The 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.