

## Aptima Unisex swab kit

# Cervical Collection Procedure Guide

### Collection for CERVICAL swab specimens: VAGINAL swabs will be rejected

- Not FDA approved for vaginal collection
- Small size inadequate for vaginal collection
- Need mucous removed by cleansing swab prior to cervical collection (included in kit)



Use cleansing swab (white shaft swab with red printing) to remove excess mucus from cervical os and surrounding mucosa. Discard this swab.

#### Swab specimen collection guide for:

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



Partially open swab package and remove 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 Specimen Collection Kit. Hold swab, placing thumb and forefinger in the middle of shaft covering black score line. Do not hold shaft below score line.



Insert collection swab (blue shaft swab with green printing) into cervical canal. Gently rotate swab clockwise for 10 to 30 seconds to help ensure adequate sampling.

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 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.

