

Instructions for collection and submission of clinician & patient self- collected vaginal swabs & clinician collected rectal and throat swabs for *N. gonorrhoeae*, *C. trachomatis*, &

Clinician collected vaginal swabs for *T. vaginalis* testing using GEN-PROBE® APTIMA® multitest swab specimen collection kit

(For endocervical, urethral collection instructions, see DCH-0973)

I. Collection kit

- A. Unit 2-V (IATA Category B) - collection kit for clinician & patient self-collected vaginal, clinician collected rectal and throat specimens (orange-labeled tube).
- B. Check the expiration date. Do not use an expired collection kit.

II. Patient preparation for vaginal sample collection:

- A. Ask the patient to read the collection insert instructions. (Refer to DCH-0972 for patient SELF COLLECTED vaginal swabs. **For *N. gonorrhoeae* and *C. trachomatis* testing only.**)
- B. If all the instructions are understood, provide the patient with the collection kit.
- C. Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down at any time during the collection. If the swab tip is touched or dropped, start with a new kit.
- D. Peel open the swab package. Hold the swab between your thumb and forefinger covering the scored line in the middle of the shaft to remove the swab from the package.
- E. Carefully insert the swab into the vagina about 2 inches past the introitus, and gently rotate the swab clockwise for 10 to 30 seconds. Make sure the swab touches the walls of the vagina and absorbs the moisture.
- F. Remove the swab without touching the skin or other surfaces and place in transport tube (See V).
- G. For clinician collected vaginal sample collection, follow steps 3 through 6.

III. Patient preparation for throat swab (male and female)

- A. Use a tongue blade to hold down the patient's tongue. Look at the back of the throat and tonsils for inflammation or exudate.
- B. Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down at any time during the collection. If the swab tip is touched or dropped, start with a new kit.
- C. Peel open the swab package. Hold the swab between your thumb and forefinger covering the scored line in the middle of the shaft to remove the swab from the package.
- D. Insert the specimen collection swab (orange shaft swab) and, carefully but firmly, rub the swab over the inflamed areas. If there is no inflammation or exudate, rub the swab over the tonsils and posterior pharynx.
- E. Do not touch the cheeks, teeth or gums with the swab.
- F. Carefully remove the swab without touching the skin or other surfaces and place in transport tube (See V).

IV. Patient preparation for rectal swab (male and female)

- A. Do not touch the soft tip or lay the swab down at any time during collection. If the swab tip is touched or dropped, start with a new kit.
- B. Peel open the swab package. Hold the swab between your thumb and forefinger covering the scored line in the middle of the shaft to remove the swab from the package.

4. The specimen was collected using an expired collection kit.
5. The specimen was collected more than 60 days prior to receipt.
6. The specimen is collected with the wrong collection device.

VIII. Packaging and shipping are the responsibility of the shipper. Please be sure it is in compliance with shipping regulations.



Unit 2-V-Chlamydia & Gonorrhea-Amplified Test- Multitest swab