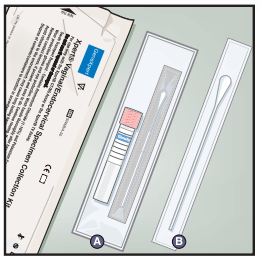
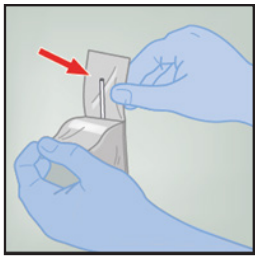
Clinician-Collected Vaginal Swab Specimen Collection

1 Open the individual collection package Ⓐ that contains the pink-capped Xpert® Swab Transport Reagent tube and individually wrapped collection swab. Set the tube aside before beginning to collect sample. Discard large swab Ⓑ.

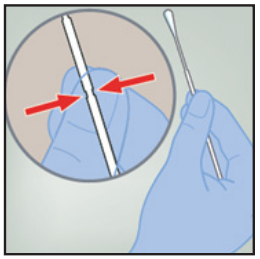


2 Open the collection swab wrapper by peeling open the top of the wrapper.

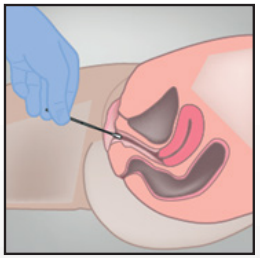
Remove the swab, taking care not to touch the tip or lay it down. If the soft tip is touched, the swab is laid down, or the swab is dropped, use a new collection kit.



3 Hold the swab in your hand, placing your thumb and forefinger in the middle of the swab shaft across the scoreline.

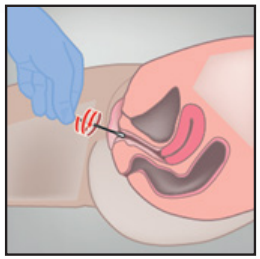


4 Carefully insert the swab into the vagina about 5 cm (two inches) inside the opening of the vagina.



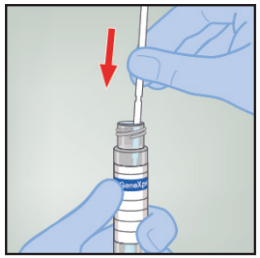
5 Gently rotate swab for 10-30 seconds. Ensure the swab touches the wall of the vagina so that moisture is absorbed by the swab.

Withdraw swab and continue to hold it in your hand.

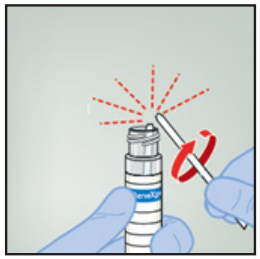


6 While holding the swab, unscrew the cap from the Xpert Swab Transport Reagent tube. Do not spill the contents of the tube. If the contents of the tube are spilled, use a new collection kit. Immediately place the collection swab into the transport tube.

⚠ WARNING: If the contents of the tube are spilled on your skin, wash the affected area with soap and water. If the contents of the tube are splashed in your eyes, immediately flush your eyes with water. If the contents of the tube are spilled, the test result may be invalidated. Do not take internally.

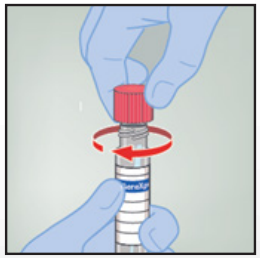


7 Identifying the scoreline on the collection swab shaft, carefully break the swab shaft against the side of the tube at the scoreline. If needed, gently rotate the swab shaft to complete the breakage. Discard the top portion of the swab shaft. Avoid splashing the contents on the skin. Wash with soap and water if exposed.



8 Re-cap the swab transport reagent tube and tighten the cap securely.

Note: Invert or gently shake the tube 3-4 times to elute material from the swab. Avoid foaming. Label the transport tube with the sample identification information, including date of the collection, as required.



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