

For collection of vaginal specimens for the ADL Health Women's Health - Vaginal Panel. See reverse side for transport procedures.

VAGINAL SAMPLE COLLECTION

Sample collection is a critical step. Personnel collecting vaginal fluid specimens should be well trained to ensure adequate sample collection. Personal hygiene products such as sprays, lubricants, lotions, etc. may interfere with testing resulting in a false negative. Ensure patient has not used personal hygiene products before collection. **All samples must be collected using the materials (swabs and tubes) provided in the set.**

1. Place the patient in position for a pelvic examination. Insert an UNLUBRICATED speculum (WITHOUT JELLY OR WATER) into the vagina to permit visualization of the posterior vaginal fornix. Ensure liquid from ampule is dispensed in to **Sample Collection Tube (SCT)** (see reverse side for instructions).
2. Using the sterile swab, obtain a sample from the posterior vaginal fornix. Twist or roll the swab against the vaginal wall two or three times, ensuring the entire circumference of the swab has touched the vaginal wall. Swab the lateral vaginal wall while removing the swab. (see Figure 1)
3. Immediately place the swab in the **Sample Collection Tube (SCT)**.
4. With the swab touching the **BOTTOM** of the collection tube, grasp the pre-scored handle of the swab just above the top of the tube and bend until the swab breaks (Figure 2). When the swab is fully inserted into the collection tube, the score mark on the swab is approximately 1 cm above the top of the collection tube. Discard the broken handle into an infectious waste container.
5. Place the cap over the exposed end of the swab and firmly press the cap onto the tube. The cap will “snap” onto the tube when it is properly seated.
6. Label the **Sample Collection Tube (SCT)** with the patient name and date of birth.
7. Place the capped **Sample Collection Tube (SCT)** into the plastic **Sample Transport Bag** for transport to ADL Health.



Figure 1

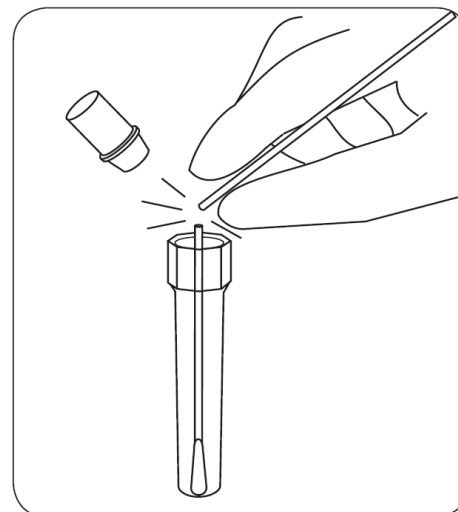


Figure 2

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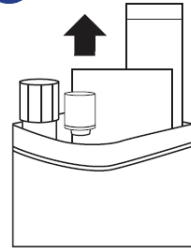
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Collection Instructions

WOMEN'S HEALTH - VAGINAL

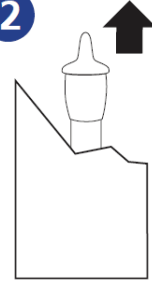


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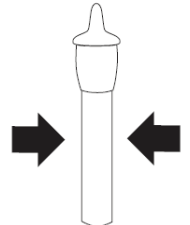
Open Seal / Remove Components

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Tear / Remove Dropper

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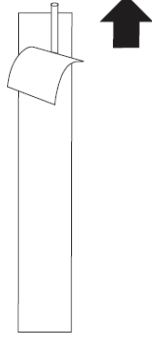
Break Ampule

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Dispense into Tube

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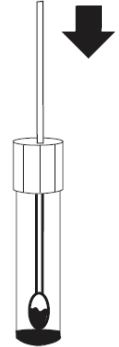
Peel / Remove Swab

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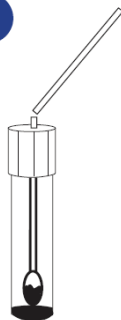
Collect Sample from Patient

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Place Swab in Tube

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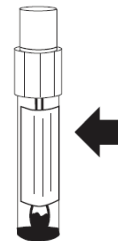
Break Shaft at Score Line

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Close Cap Firmly

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Place Patient Label on Tube

Sample is stable for 120 hours at ambient temperature (15-30°C) storage.

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